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TTC needs better boss: Smitherman

POLITICS City hall was still reverberating with shock waves from Adam Giambrone's abrupt exit from the mayoral race when the perceived front-runner said that wasn't enough.

George Smitherman issued a statement that — after noting it was a difficult time for Giambrone's family, friends and supporters — took aim at the Davenport councillor's decision to stay at the wheel of the problem-plagued TTC.

"Today more than ever Torontonians deserve leadership at the TTC that is 100 per cent focused on the urgent task of improving service and responsiveness to the public," said the statement from the pugnacious former deputy premier.

"It is clear that Mr. Giambrone is not in a position to commit that degree of focus nor provide the leadership that is necessary to get the job done for riders, workers or taxpayers. With those interests in mind, he should step down as chair of the TTC."

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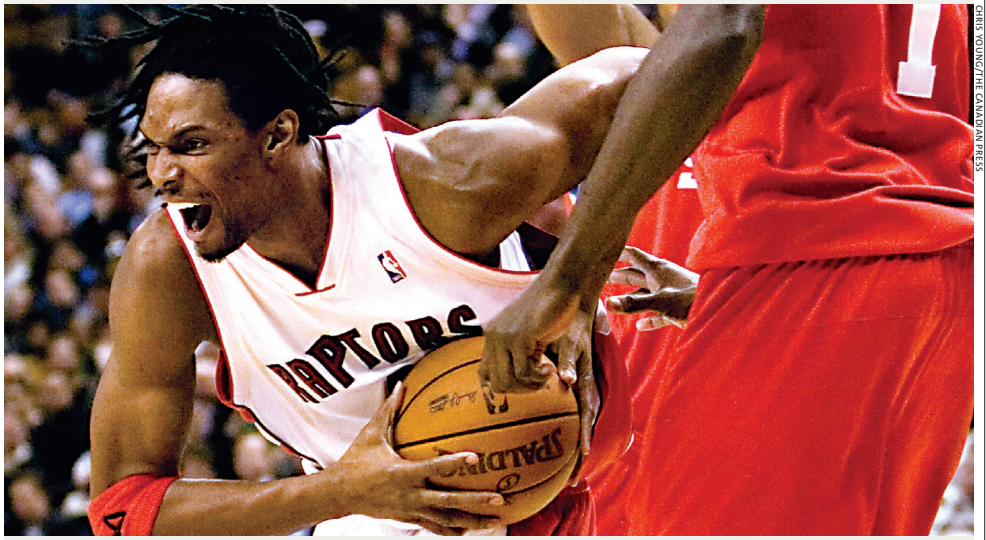

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Toronto's Chris Bosh drives past Philadelphia's Samuel Dalembert last night at the Air Canada Centre. The Raptors went on to beat the 76ers by a final of 104-93 as Bosh scored 23 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. **Link to exclusive Raptors game report and highlights, see the top of page 22.**

College teachers vote 51% in favour of contract

Ontario college teachers have voted 51 per cent in favour of contract offer, in results the union says are too close to call.

Lead college negotiator Rachael Donovan says instructors voted 51.25 per cent in favour of the deal and she's happy the unofficial results show many faculty saw this offer as fair and reasonable.

But the union says the 210-vote margin is too close to determine whether the offer has been accepted or rejected and notes about 300 mail-in ballots remain to be counted.

Both sides will now await the official province-wide results that must be certified after a review by the Ontario Labour Relations Board.

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Giambrone abandons bid

TTC chair admits to multiple affairs and drops out of mayoral race

An ambitious young Toronto city councillor with his sights set on the mayor's office abandoned his bid to lead Canada's most populous city yesterday as he apologized for multiple incidents of sexual infidelity.

"There are weeks that change your life and this one has certainly changed mine," Adam Giambrone, 32, told a packed news conference.

"This searing experience has taught me, I hope permanently, that a public career of integrity cannot survive deceit in your private life."

Giambrone apologized to his supporters, friends and family for the hurt he has caused after admitting to having "intimate relations" with a number of partners over the last year in the run-up to the election, scheduled for October.

Giambrone was too distraught to finish his prepared statement, instead fleeing right after apologizing for the "deep hurt" he has caused to Sarah McQuarrie, his partner of several years.

CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Adam Giambrone

McQuarrie was at Giambrone's side when he announced his candidacy Feb. 1. Giambrone reportedly said in an email to one of the women that McQuarrie is around for "political" purposes.

"I deeply apologize to my partner Sarah," said an emotional Giambrone. "The pain she has endured for my mistakes was deeply unfair to her. She has shown a lot of strength in all of this."

Giambrone then quickly exited as reporters shouted questions after him. His assistant, Kevin Beaulieu, had to read the rest of Giambrone's prepared statement for him.

"His mayoralty campaign ends today," Beaulieu said.

Giambrone will stay on as a city councillor and chairman of the Toronto Transit Commission, the country's largest, yet much maligned, public transit system.

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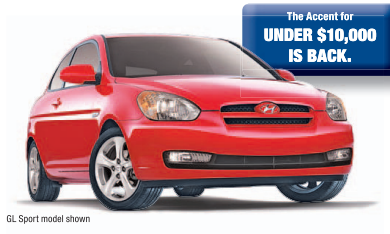

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Dreams crumble

Giambrone spent years building up profile

Adam Giambrone spent much of his 32 years building up his curriculum vitae to run for higher office.

But the ambitious political whiz kid knew his chances of becoming mayor were over yesterday — 10 days after a glitzy kickoff.

The lanky politician looked even more boyish when he first arrived at Toronto City Hall in 2003, winning the Davenport ward on his second try.

His resumé is impressive, with "youngest" a frequent adjective to describe his achievements. Giambrone started running educational programs at the Royal Ontario Museum at age 14, leading to an interest in archeology. He still jets to Africa to work on digs.

> **"We haven't seen the last of him."**
> Toby Heaps, Corporate Knights magazine

In 1997, while a 20-year-old McGill University student, he ran for the NDP in Pierre Trudeau's old Mont Royal seat, landing in fifth place. Giambrone served two terms as president of the federal NDP, juggling that responsibility with his city hall duties.

Friends from his Montreal days say they knew Giambrone would end up a politician. "A large portion of his 32 years … have been purely dedicated towards high public service," said Toby Heaps, editor-in-chief of the Corporate Knights magazine, who first met Giambrone in French class at McGill.

"We haven't seen the last of him."

It's too soon to say whether his political career is over. But it is surprising that a man described as smart, ambitious and cautious was felled by risqué text-messaging.

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4th teen charged after robbery

CRIME Toronto police have seized a gun and charged a fourth teen in connection with an attempted robbery in the city's east end.

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McGuinty to lead trade delegation to Israel

Premier Dalton McGuinty is heading to Israel in late May, leading a trade delegation of Ontario business people for about one week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Summit to be held downtown: Sources

G20 bumps Gay Pride, may disrupt baseball

The federal government will hold June's G20 summit on the edge of Toronto's financial district, a decision that will close a large swath of downtown — and sideline baseball fans — as the city kicks off gay pride week.

An official announcement is not expected for a few weeks, but sources tell The Canadian Press the Metro Toronto Convention Centre has been selected over locations outside downtown.

Canada has already hosted a G8 summit and other international meetings in the building. Plus, it gives the government a chance to put the spotlight on its stable financial district — safe and quiet within a security perimeter — at a time when G20 leaders are looking for role models.

"The whole point is to showcase Canada as an attractive place to do business and the way we regulate our banking sector," said Andrew MacDougall, a spokesman for the prime minister.

The June 26-27 summit is expected to involve tens of thousands of people from delegations all over the world, along with media, support staff and hospitality crews. It's also sure to attract thousands of protesters, as well as non-governmental organizations and trade unions.

But the G20 summit will displace far more people than it draws in.

The Toronto Blue Jays are scheduled to play against the Philadelphia Phillies on June 26 and 27 in Toronto. The Rogers Centre, where the games are normally held, is virtually next door to the Convention Centre, and will almost certainly be encompassed in the security zone that is set up to protect world leaders at summits. So discussions are underway to move at least one of the games, sources said.

The Gay Pride Parade, which usually draws over a million visitors from around the world, has already been pushed back a week. Activities will start just before the summit, on June 25, and build up to a parade on July 4.

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G20 background

- The G20 groups the world's richest countries as well as important emerging markets and has become the primary decision-making body for global economic affairs. It also includes the European Union, as well as representatives from the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Torch **Designer's moment in the spotlight**

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Dean Caten of Toronto, one half of the fashion designers known as DSquared, is followed by a group of girls as he carries the Olympic flame during the Olympic torch relay in North Vancouver yesterday. DSquared designed some of the costumes to be worn during the Opening Ceremonies.

Adopt green plan, mayoral candidates urged

ENVIRONMENT Twelve major environmental groups led by the Toronto Environmental Alliance are urging Toronto's mayoral candidates to adopt their six-point green plan released yesterday morning.

"These six priorities help ensure that no matter who you are, you will be living in a healthier, greener, more dynamic community in which you can affordably get to where you need to be," said Theresa McClenaghan, executive director of the Canadian Environmental Law Association.

The six points are:

1 Build Transit City, a 120-kilometre network of light-rail lines on major routes, and press provincial and federal governments to help fund the TTC's operating costs.

2 Divert 70 per cent of waste from landfill by 2012. The city had pledged to achieve the target by this year, but failed. Environmentalists want all apartment buildings using the green bin by the end of 2011.

3 Buy locally made green products to employ local workers.

4 Encourage cycling and walking. That means implementing the Toronto bike plan by 2012 and ensuring roads accommodate bikes, pedestrians, transit vehicles and private cars.

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Woman charged in Trottier hit-and-run

A young New Brunswick woman faces three charges in a fatal hit-and-run last August that killed a woman in a motorized wheelchair.

Darcie Victoria West, 20, of Chipman sobbed as the charges were laid in a Fredericton courtroom yesterday.

Dianne Trottier

West is charged with leaving the scene of an accident knowing that someone had been seriously injured. She's also charged with attempting to impede justice by destroying evidence and with intimidating witnesses.

Dianne Trottier, 33, died on Aug. 30, a day after being struck late at night while crossing a downtown intersection. A CBC producer from Toronto, Trottier was working temporarily in Fredericton when the accident occurred. She had been in the city for less than a week to help launch a new suppertime news program.

Trottier, who was in a wheelchair her entire life, was active in sports, particularly wheelchair hockey.

Fredericton police Const. Ralph Currie said a 50-year-old man and a 28-year-old woman also face charges and are due in court March 31.

West is in custody pending a bail hearing Monday.

The arrests followed a lengthy investigation and pleas to the public for information. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Guilty pleas in teen's murder

FLEMINGDON A teenage gangster pleaded guilty yesterday to killing 17-year-old Omar Wellington, who was stripped and beaten publicly and then knifed to death in Flemingdon Park four years ago.

Two other gang members of the Rascalz, or Lil Rascalz, pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and two pleaded guilty to assault causing bodily harm in connection with the murder.

The five stood before Superior Court Justice John McMahon, one-by-one admitting their guilt. None can be identified under youth protection laws, as all were between 13 and 18 at the time.

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Star Newton-John arrives in T.O.

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Toronto woman dies in crash in Northern Ontario
A 37-year-old Toronto woman is dead following a crash involving two tractor-trailers late Tuesday near Val Gagne in northern Ontario. Provincial police say it appears Ashli-Marie Taylor was driving a big rig that ran into the back of a stopped tractor-trailer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

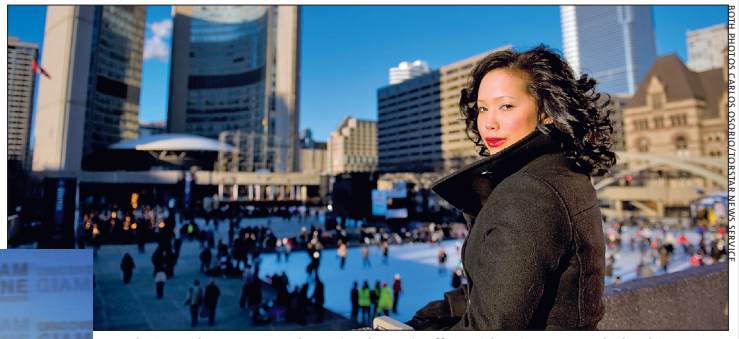
A shortened apology

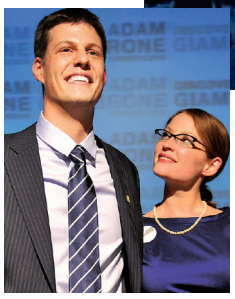
Giambrone didn't have second page of speech: Sources

It was to be a carefully choreographed farewell, an attempt to recover some grace and climb out of the political quicksand.

But Adam Giambrone's City Hall office had armed him with only one page of a two-page speech, say two sources close to his campaign.

So with the eyes of the city upon him, he realized a page was missing. Suddenly, he said "Thank you," spun on his heels, and charged out a door and down a staircase surrounded by a phalanx of city staff and security.





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Revelations about Coun. Adam Giambrone's affair with Kristen Lucas led to him stepping away from his mayoral campaign. Inset: During a speech yesterday Giambrone apologized to his partner Sarah McQuarrie for the hurt he caused her.

"He only had the first page, the second page was still in the printer," in his City Hall office, said a campaign source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"At this very dramatic and stressful moment, with this speech he had worked so hard on, the end of it is missing," the source said, adding they were speaking out to make clear Giambrone wasn't stopped short by a lack of will or nerve or character.

Earlier, Giambrone had written the speech and emailed it to City Hall to be printed. Later, staff redid it in a larger, easier-to-read 18-point type and re-sent it. But the bigger type bumped part of the speech onto a second page, which was apparently left in the printer, the source said.

It isn't clear how much of the speech was missing — a reporter close enough to Giambrone to see the statement told colleagues he saw a TTC reference that comes after the part where Giambrone, the TTC chair, stopped reading.

In what was a carefully planned exit, security rushed Giambrone down and into a car waiting in the shipping and receiving area. Inside with the shell-shocked councillor, campaign officials debated what to do about the unfinished speech.

They decided Giambrone shouldn't go back into the lion's den. His aide, Kevin Beaulieau volunteered to take a bullet and, after trudging upstairs with full speech in hand, started to read. But even that didn't go smoothly — Beaulieau at first said he would read it "in Adam's voice" but quickly switched to the third-person.

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What Adam Giambrone said

- "There are weeks that change your life and this one has certainly changed mine. This searing experience has taught me, permanently I hope, that a public career of integrity cannot survive deceit in your private life. My mistakes have caused hurt to my partner Sarah, to my family, to my friends and to my supporters. To them, and the women I have treated disrespectfully in front of you I humbly apologize. I want to apologize to the council, to my fellow councillors, for the negative attention that I have brought them and to this chamber. I want to apologize also to the communities across this city and to the young people who believed in me. It is my sincere hope that they will continue to believe in themselves and their ability to make positive change. Finally, I deeply apologize to my partner Sarah. The pain she has endured for my mistakes was deeply unfair to her. She has shown a lot of strength in all of this. Thank you.

Giambrone crisis adds to TTC's woes

CRISIS Can the TTC restore the faith of its riders when the man who has been the public face of the city's transit system for more than three years is struggling to regain his own credibility?

There are doubts even among backers of Adam Giambrone that he is in a position to lead the TTC out of the worst customer confidence crisis in more than a decade.

Part of the problem, say both supporters and detractors, is that Giambrone has become a central part of the TTC's profile, taking the spotlight at transit expansion announcements and electronic innovations since he was appointed by Mayor David Miller to steer the Toronto Transit Commission in 2006.

"We need someone at the TTC who is completely focused on making the TTC work," said longstanding transit advocate Steve Munro, who has sometimes advised Giambrone. "We need someone we know we can trust, that … when they negotiate they are a credible person, and he just doesn't have that.

"It hurts me very much to say that. But I'm sorry, he doesn't have it."

Giambrone's personal crisis coincides with a disastrous period in the TTC's public image, following the publication of a photo of a snoring transit worker, a fare increase and a mishandled token hoarding debacle.

Two weeks ago, the TTC chair headed up a news conference promising a speedy response to the mounting customer complaints, including an outside advisory panel.

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Union support

- Adam Giambrone has the support of union head Bob Kinnear, who praised the chair's work ethic and proactive employee communications.

Purse-snatcher targets seniors: Cops

DURHAM Police say lone seniors are the target of a purse-snatcher on the prowl in Durham region grocery stores.

Police say the reports have been coming in since Jan. 30.

They say a suspect has taken off with the unattended purses of senior women inside grocery stores. None of the women have been physically injured.

The suspect is described as male, black, between the ages of 18 and 30 years old, with a slender build and wearing dark clothing.

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After six years, government trio get a court date in corruption case

A trial date has finally been set for a political corruption case stemming from a police raid on the B.C. legislature more than six years ago. The case against former government employees Dave Basi, Bobby Virk and Aneal Basi will formally begin May 3, B.C. Supreme Court heard yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Playing the name game

What's in a name? In Halifax, a lot. The Halifax Chamber of Commerce has added its voice to a movement that wants to stop calling the city HRM — for Halifax Regional Municipality. In HRM's place, the chamber would like to see just plain Halifax.

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Harper spins for PR gold

PM preps for Olympic-sized 'euphoric bounce' in Vancouver

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

With the Vancouver Games just a day away, Prime Minister Stephen Harper is preparing for an Olympic marathon — of speeches and photo ops.

Harper was here, there and everywhere in Vancouver yesterday, ending the day with a flag-raising at the athletes' village.

Today, he was scheduled to jump to Victoria for the first-ever speech by a prime minister to the B.C. legislature.

Harper: He's everywhere

And the following evening, Harper will help officially open the Games at a glittering ceremony — kicking off 15 days of photo ops for politicians of all stripes.

It's all about what pollsters call the "euphoric bounce."

If the country feels good about the Winter Games, chances are they'll feel good about the politicians.

Pursuit of that bounce, however, can be as perilous as snowboarding at 70 kilometres an hour.

Ask former sports minister Otto Jelinek about the 1988 Games in Calgary.

"The good thing about the '88 Winter Olympics being over … is that it means Sports Minister Otto Jelinek won't be turning up in our living rooms every half hour," wrote one journalist.

Jelinek might have been forgiven for hoisting Elizabeth Manley aloft on national TV immediately after she won a figure-skating silver medal.

He was not.

Another journalist summed up the Calgary Games by describing Manley's performance as creating "yet another fawning attempt by Sports Minister Otto Jelinek to get his mug on camera."

Also, two Tory cabinet ministers had to be gently prodded to get out of the frame by news photographers aiming at speedskater Clara Hughes.

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Not kid's stuff **Flame's giant journey breaks Olympics record**

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Children cheer as the Olympic torch relay passes by in North Vancouver, B.C., yesterday. The Olympic flame is on a 106-day journey across Canada in the longest domestic torch relay in Olympic history. It will end with the lighting of the Olympic cauldron at the Winter Olympics opening ceremonies tomorrow.

Victory for 389-lb. woman

HUMAN RIGHTS An obese Quebec woman with numerous health problems has won her legal fight for a better parking spot.

Not only has Marise Myrand won that parking upgrade outside her condominium, but her condo association has been slapped with a $10,000 penalty for refusing her request.

The move came in a precedent-setting ruling distributed yesterday by a tribunal of the Quebec Human Rights Commission.

The 57-year-old resident of Ste-Marie, Que., weighs 389 lb., suffers from diabetes, needs a wheelchair, and gets help breathing from an oxygen tank.

The condo association has accused the human rights commission of abuse of power.

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SCANLIFE

Organizer's emergency plan for Cypress planned years ago, but were inspired by Whistler instead. Scan this code for the story.

Budget boss tries to avoid risk

POLITICS Alberta Finance Minister Ted Morton has hit the airwaves to sell his budget.

The new budget pours money into health care, but leaves a record deficit and billions of new debt.

Morton told a radio talk show his financial plan tries to manage risk while covering services.

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Politician battles Parkinson's
Saskatchewan Finance Minister Rod Gantefoer has been diagnosed with Parkinson's, but says it won't keep him from doing his job. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'We all feel this shock'

Natynczyk tells troops to stand tall despite charges

Canada's chief of defence staff told soldiers at CFB Trenton yesterday to stand tall and stand proud amid stunning allegations their base commander murdered two women.

Gen. Walter Natynczyk said it's been a tough two days since Col. Russell Williams was charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of Jessica Lloyd and Cpl. Marie-France Comeau.

"We all feel this shock," Natynczyk said.

"We all have to step up. We have a duty. We have a responsibility to Canadians. I told them to stand tall. I told them to stand proud."

"We have a responsibility to Canadians. I told them to stand tall. I told them to stand proud."
Gen. Walter Natynczyk

Natynczyk says he felt as if he suffered a "body blow" and was winded when he heard the news.

Lloyd's body was found Monday near Tweed and Comeau was found dead Nov. 25 in her Brighton home.

Williams is also charged in two sexual assaults in Tweed in September and will appear in court via video on Feb. 18.

Lloyd's funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon in Belleville.

Belleville lawyer John Wonnacott, who represented Williams at his court appearance Monday, said he has not been retained to represent Williams.

But he did say Williams is in civilian, not military custody.

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Politics **Grits go online**

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Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, left, participates in a online town hall meeting with Liberal Youth and Multiculturalism Critic Justin Trudeau yesterday in Ignatieff's office on Parliament Hill.

Oilsands take hit as two retailers boycott

ENVIRONMENT Two large U.S. retailers have announced they will avoid purchasing fuel derived from Alberta's oilsands.

Organic food store Whole Foods and home furnishings chain Bed, Bath and Beyond have taken the move, and are believed to be the first major private-sector companies to do so.

Whole Foods has 289 stores in three countries, while Bed Bath and Beyond has more than 1,000 stores across the U.S. and Canada.

A Whole Foods spokesman says the move will probably affect about 400,000 U.S. gallons of fuel the company buys from oilsands-derived crude.

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A pickup truck passes a mining shovel filling a haul truck at the Shell Albian Sands oilsands mine yesterday near Fort McMurray, Alta.

The announcement comes the day after Alberta budget documents revealed that the oilsands are soon to become the government's primary source of energy revenue.

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Canada posts worst trade deficit in decades

ECONOMY Canada posted its worst trade performance in more than three decades last year as the global recession and a strong loonie hammered exports.

Statistics Canada reported yesterday that the country's merchandise trade deficit widened to $246 million in December, bringing the shortfall for 2009 to $4.8 billion.

That is the first annual trade deficit in the goods sector since 1975 and a total reversal of fortune from last year's $47-billion surplus.

But there's light at the end of the tunnel, say economists, noting that exports increased for the fourth straight month, by 1.7 per cent, in December.

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Minister embarrassed over inmate release
The Quebec government has expressed embarrassment and anger over the erroneous release of dozens of prison inmates. Public Security Minister Jacques Dupuis says he's feeling a bit of shame over the reported errors, and hopes the province's correctional officials are just as embarrassed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada will support more Iran sanctions: PM

Canada supports further sanctions on Iran, says Prime Minister Stephen Harper as he pledged to use his G8 presidency to stop Tehran's "worrying" nuclear ambitions.

"Canada will continue to work with our allies to find strong and viable solutions, including sanctions, to hold Iran to account," Harper said in a statement yesterday.

"Canada will use its G8 presidency to continue to focus international attention and action on the Iranian regime."

Harper's remarks came after the Obama administration announced it was imposing new sanctions on several affiliates of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper

The measures target one individual and four companies for their alleged involvement in producing and spreading weapons of mass destruction.

The U.S. administration is pushing for additional international sanctions on Iran because of its decision to step up its uranium enrichment and its failure to prove that its nuclear ambitions are entirely peaceful.

The U.S. is lobbying the United Nations Security Council, which has already imposed sanctions on Iran.

Harper called on Iran to immediately suspend its enrichment activity, and show "transparency and compliance" by stopping construction of new enrichment sites and co-operating with inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Harper's comments came after France and Russia acknowledged that it was becoming necessary to discuss further sanctions on Iran.

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Tory minister named amid scandal

NOVA SCOTIA A former Tory cabinet minister has been named as the member of the Nova Scotia legislature who bought 11 computers and 12 printers with public funds.

Information released by the Speaker's Office shows Len Goucher bought the items within a three-year time span.

Len Goucher

In the recent auditor general's report that touched off the fire storm over expenses, there is no dollar value attached to those purchases.

Last week Goucher came forward to admit that he'd bought three MP3 players for $150 but said he'd given them to three local schools.

The controversy over spending has already forced the resignation of one Tory member.

Richard Hurlburt stepped down Tuesday after apologizing for using taxpayers dollars to buy a generator and a flat screen television.

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News in brief

GET THERE AWARDS Do you know someone who should get a Get There Award? Canadians are encouraged to nominate individuals who go beyond the call of duty to get to games, practices and competitions involving young athletes for a Goodyear Get There award. The nomination form is at www.goodyear.ca. The Goodyear Get There Awards highlight the often little-known stories of people who work behind the scenes every day to help young athletes get there — from early morning practices to the world's most famous sporting events. A panel of judges, headed by Olympic champion goaltender Sami Jo Small, will select three winners to receive a Goodyear Get There Award, including a set of premium Goodyear tires (valued up to $1,500). Contest closes Friday, March 5, at 11:59 p.m.

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Texas couple given nine years in jail for conspiring to sell babies

A Texas man and his girlfriend were sentenced to nine years in prison for recruiting Mexican women to give birth in the U.S. and sell their babies to couples there, a judge said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Republican wants Toyota chief to testify

A top Republican on a U.S. House panel investigating Toyota's massive recalls wants the Japanese company's president to testify before Congress later this month. Representative Darrell Issa says Akio Toyoda, left, should meet with lawmakers and testify before the House Oversight Committee on Feb. 24. Toyoda has said he plans to travel to the United States soon to meet with American workers and dealers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Another snow dump for East Coast

A second blizzard in a week swept up the U.S. East Coast yesterday, dumping historic snowfalls that shut down U.S. government offices and the United Nations in New York and paralyzed airports.

The storm dumped more than 25 cm of snow on parts of the Washington area that already had been hit with about a metre of snow over the weekend. Nearby Baltimore reported record snowfall.

"It's hard to find anything in the history books of these types of storms back-to-back," said National Weather Service meteorologist Stephen Konarik.

The wind started blowing in gusts from 40 to 70 km/h in and around snowbound Washington. Driving conditions got so bad that officials in Washington and nearby suburbs pulled plows off the roads.

New York, which avoided last week's blizzard, was not so lucky yesterday. The National Weather Service issued blizzard warnings and predicted 25 to 40 centimetres of snowfall. Airlines cancelled hundreds of flights, and the city's 1.1 million students enjoyed a snow day — the third in six years.

Snow was falling from northern Virginia to Connecticut by early yesterday after crawling out of the Midwest, where the storm cancelled hundreds of flights and was blamed for three traffic deaths in Michigan. In Chicago, a truck backed into and killed a 71-year-old woman.

About 230,000 federal workers in Washington have been off since Friday, when the first storm began. The U.S. House of Representatives announced it was scrapping the rest of its workweek.

"It's embarrassing that the world's largest superpower closes from a few feet of snow," said Alex Krause, 23, of Los Angeles, who was stranded in Washington. "The Kremlin must be laughing."

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Emily Tibbott skis past U.S. Capitol police officer Sean Whitehead as he stands guard on Capitol Hill in Washington after a second blizzard in a week struck the area yesterday.

"It's embarrassing that the world's largest superpower closes from a few feet of snow. The Kremlin must be laughing."
Alex Krause

Britain discloses info on treatment of Gitmo inmate

LONDON Britain was forced by an appeals court yesterday to reveal a secret description of how a former terror suspect was beaten, shackled and deprived of sleep by U.S. agents.

Ethiopia-born British resident Binyam Mohamed was arrested in Pakistan in 2002, and says he was tortured there and in Morocco before being flown to Guantanamo Bay and charged with plotting with al-Qaida to bomb American apartment buildings.

The seven-paragraph description is a judge's summary of classified information shared by the CIA with the UK's MI5 intelligence service during Mohamed's questioning in May 2002.

Britain has repeatedly denied complicity in torture, and claimed that revealing the information would damage U.S.-British intelligence co-operation.

The paragraphs posted on the website of the British Foreign Office after the verdict say he was subjected to "cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment by the United States authorities," including sleep deprivation, shackling and threats resulting in mental stress and suffering, during interviews by U.S. authorities.

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Helicopters lift avalanche dead from Afghan mountain pass

DISASTER Helicopters ferried rescuers to and bodies from the site of a massive avalanche that blocked a mountain pass north of Kabul as the death toll soared yesterday to 166, officials said. Hundreds more remained trapped in snowbound cars.

Afghan army troops dug through huge snowdrifts trying to rescue people from buried vehicles in the Salang Pass, a key road that connects the Afghan capital with the north.

The four kilometres of road subsumed in the avalanches have been cleared of snow, but are littered with abandoned or snow-packed cars that still make much of it impassable.

Interior Ministry spokesman Zemeri Bashary said rescuers have recovered 166 bodies from the Salang Pass over the past two days. Bashary said late yesterday that the rescue operation was "Ninty-five per cent over," suggesting authorities did not expect further significant rises in the death toll.

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Defences tested

- U.S. Marines fired smoke rounds and armoured vehicles manoeuvred close to Taliban positions to test insurgent defences yesterday ahead of a planned attack on the biggest militant-controlled town in southern Afghanistan.

Romania **What's going on?**

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A dog looks on as men shovel snow from a cage at a stray dog shelter outside Bucharest, Romania yesterday. An animal protection association received help from volunteers and inmates from a Bucharest prison yesterday to clear snow that was threatening the lives of the dogs after heavy snowfalls in southern Romania.

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1,500-year-old street unearthed in Jerusalem

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U.S. envoy, prime minister hit out at Iran enrichment

A senior U.S. envoy accused Iranian leaders of hypocrisy yesterday for opting to pursue "ever more dangerous nuclear technology" instead of accepting an international plan to make sure medical isotopes get to needy Iranian cancer patients.

The sharp criticism from Glyn Davies, the chief U.S. delegate to the International Atomic Energy Agency, came a day after Iran began enriching its uranium to a higher level.

That increased international concerns about Iran's nuclear aims and led Washington yesterday to impose new sanctions on several affiliates of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps over their alleged involvement in producing and spreading weapons of mass destruction.

In Canada, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said his country is "deeply disturbed" by Iran's decision.

"The regime's latest moves bring Iran considerably closer to possessing weapons-grade material," Harper said in a statement. "Iran's past history of deliberately concealing aspects of its nuclear program makes this latest move even more worrying. Through its actions, Iran continues to test the resolve of the international community," Harper said.

"It is time for Iran to end its defiance of the international community, suspend its enrichment activity and take immediate steps toward transparency and compliance."

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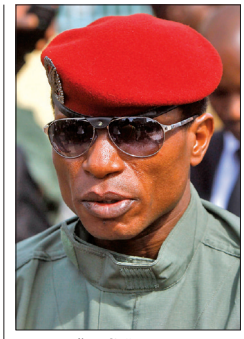

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Moussa "Dadis" Camara

Hopes stir for free vote after leader's exit

POLITICS After only a year in power, Guinea's hated coup leader is in exile, his departure having breathed surprising new life into a country he had terrorized, and hopes are even stirring that the nation will hold its first democratic elections in half a century.

But true reform may be a long way off and his legacy lives on through a military junta with bloody hands that's still in charge.

Guinea's Capt. Moussa "Dadis" Camara has been reduced to a feeble shell of his former self — exiled to Burkina Faso after a bullet grazed his skull during a Dec. 3 assassination attempt by one of his own men. No longer are there nightly television shows devoted to the dictator's rants, no life-size posters of himself adorning his own walls, no trucks full of soldiers guarding him.

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News in brief

BILLBOARDS Former U.S. president George W. Bush has returned on a Minnesota billboard funded by some people who apparently aren't happy with the way things are going in Washington. The billboard's tagline: "Miss me yet?" Beverly Master, office manager of Schubert and Hoey Outdoor Advertising, says the message was purchased by a group of small business owners.

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Blagojevich pleads not guilty again

Ousted Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich has again pleaded not guilty to federal charges that accuse him of scheming to sell or trade U.S. President Barack Obama's old Senate seat and swap official favours for campaign money. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Woman dies rescuing 9 kids

FIRE A South African orphanage director died a hero, rescuing nine children as their rural home burned, local media reported yesterday.

The blaze early Tuesday killed Sarah Holland, the director and founder of the Hope of Christ Home in KwaZulu-Natal province, along with two adults and eight children between the ages of 4 and 15. Holland, known as Granny, had gathered the children into the only room without burglar bars, according to one of the children who survived.

"Granny passed us all the little babies," Zanele Nkosi, 11, told The Times newspaper. "I gave the babies to my friend and we put them (on) one side and waited for others."

Holland had operated the orphanage in her home on a small farm, said Mandla Ngema, spokesman for the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Social Department. Three of her grandchildren who were living with her were among the dead.

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News in brief

GREECE A strike by civil servants shut schools and grounded flights across Greece yesterday, as unions challenged cutbacks aimed at ending a government debt crisis that has shaken the entire EU.

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Dubious tale may be true

Haiti Crisis

The tale seems dubious: That a rice vendor survived 27 days trapped under the rubble of a flea market following Haiti's devastating earthquake.

Skeptical health workers said no one could live that long without water and the last confirmed survivor found was a 16-year-old girl removed from rubble 15 days after the Jan. 12 quake. The only sources for the story were the two Haitian men who showed up at a clinic carrying the vendor, dehydrated and malnourished with rail-thin legs.

Death toll

- The Haiti quake killed 170,000 people, the Haitian government said Tuesday.

But then the patient became lucid enough to tell his tale Tuesday. And while his account has not been independently verified, doctors now say the 28-year-old man could have survived on water and possibly some fruit beneath the rubble. The man — identified as Evans Monsigrace — told doctors he had just finished selling rice for the day at a downtown Port-au-Prince flea market when the quake hit.

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A man who identified himself as Evans Monsigrace, 28, is attended at the Salvation Army medical centre after being brought in by two men in Port-au-Prince, Monday.

He said he didn't suffer any major injuries and was trapped on his side in an area where food and drink vendors were selling their goods. "Based on that (his story), we believe him," said Dr. Dushyantha Jayaweera, a physician at the University of Miami Medishare field hospital.

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Comment

The perfect wedding: No frills needed

Relating

I am fortunate enough to have many friends and an impossibly huge extended family. As a result, I have been to a LOT of weddings.

Every wedding I've attended has been special in its own way. But some stand out more than others.

If there were Olympics-style scoring in place for weddings, they would be ranked using the following criteria:

1. Company
2. Emotion
3. Quality of food
4. Overall memorability
5. A distinct lack of "The Chicken Dance"

I went to a wedding that scored off the charts this past weekend. The best part was that I didn't even know it was happening.

My dear friend Lindsay invited family and close friends to celebrate her boyfriend Lee's birthday at a French bistro. The couple are expecting a baby next month and were making a big deal out of this particular birthday because, in Lee's words, it would be the last time they'd ever be seen in public.

Before the main course, Lee stood up to make a speech. He thanked everyone for coming and casually announced that he and Lindsay had gotten married earlier that day.

The birthday celebration suddenly became something else.

It's a wedding that I will remember much more vividly than all of the evenings featuring taffeta, extravagant floral arrangements, smoke machines and cheesy DJs playing Kool and the Gang.

There was no cake. No dance floor. No ice sculptures. No bridesmaids. But none of these trappings were missed.

Because this low-key affair had everything that makes a wedding great: The wine flowed. The food was gorgeous. The bride looked beautiful in a black maternity dress that she scored for 50 per cent off and a string of pearls with sentimental value. The speeches were tearful and sincere. And most importantly, the couple were surrounded by 25 people who love them.

Days later, I still well up whenever I think about it. It was perfectly imperfect. It was the best wedding I have ever attended and I will remember it for as long as I live.

Those of you planning weddings might fall into the trap of mistaking frills for needs. It's not a competition. It's about doing it in a way that makes you happy and reflects your personalities. Get married the way you want (if you choose to get married at all) and it can't be anything but wonderful.

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Views

Half-baked arguments derailing feminism

BroadMinded

I was riding the streetcar this week when I heard a woman in her early-twenties loudly declare to her friend that she hated feminists. Naturally, I yanked off my headphones to hear the rest. "Feminists ruined everything," she insisted. When her friend pushed her to elaborate, she answered simply, "They killed chivalry."

I rolled my eyes and popped my headphones back on. But I couldn't help reflecting on all the unusual attacks I've heard directed at feminists recently.

First, there was the blogger in Quebec whose terrifying blog — which celebrates Marc Lépine, the man behind the Montreal Massacre, as a "folk hero" — got him arrested for threatening women. (He was denied bail last week, but his blog is still up and the trial is expected to continue this month.)

Then there was the National Post editorial — seemingly out of the stone age, but actually published just a few weeks ago — that blamed women's studies programs for "untold damage to families, our court systems, labour laws, constitutional freedoms and even the ordinary relations between men and women." (Thankfully, it's been rebutted all over the place, by women from The Walrus magazine, Metro's Canice Leung, and even the National Post's managing editor for news, Anne Marie Owens.)

When compared to these two examples, the chivalry comment seems innocuous enough, and yet it offers a similarly half-baked argument. I didn't get involved in the conversation, but if I had, my irritated, I-haven't-had-my-coffee-yet-so-please-stop-your-nonsense-right-now reply would've sounded something like this:

Never mind the fact feminism won you your right to vote, your ability to get a mortgage without a husband co-signing and a hope in hell of maybe (and it's still a big maybe) making the same salary a man makes — you're ticked off because it's reduced the number of old-school Prince Charmings in the world? Really?

The Oxford English Dictionary defines chivalry as "a man's courteous behaviour, esp. towards women."

There's nothing wrong with wanting to live in a world filled with men who are courageous, courteous and motivated by a sense of justice and honour. But don't you also want to live in a world where women are free to be the exact same things?

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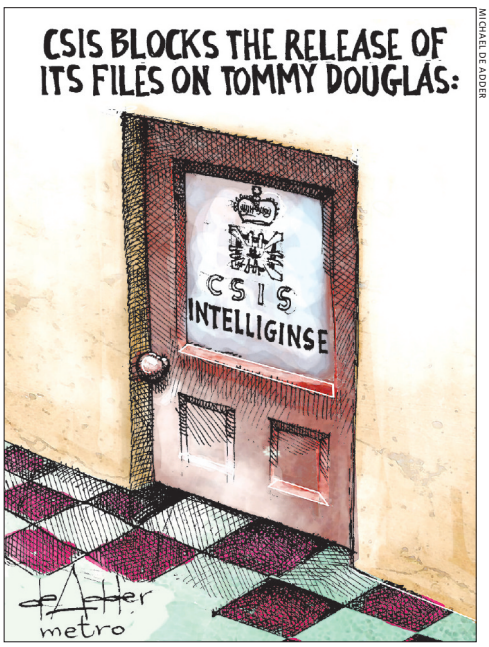

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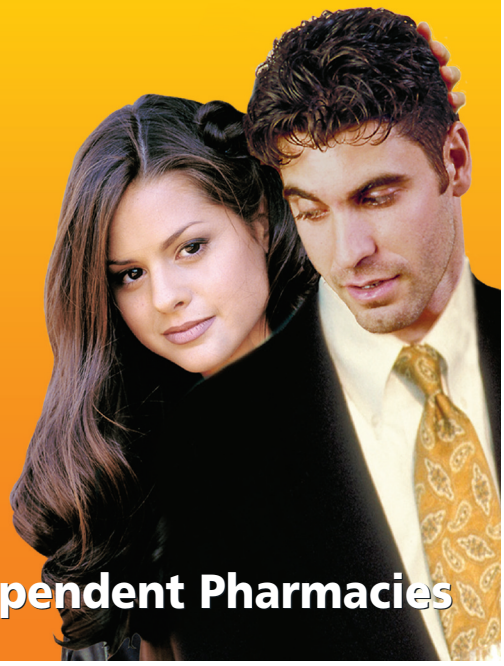

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Business

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Honda widens recall

Automaker adds 41,000 more cars in Canada

Honda Motor Co. is adding 437,000 vehicles to its 15-month-old global recall for faulty airbags in the latest quality problem to hit a Japanese automaker.

The company will replace the driver's side air bag inflator in the cars because they can deploy with too much pressure, causing the inflator to rupture and injure or kill the driver.

Japan's No. 2 automaker originally announced the recall to the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in November 2008 and the total number vehicles recalled since then is nearing 1 million.

The latest expansion of the airbag recall includes 378,000 cars in the U.S. and 41,000 cars in Canada.

Honda's latest U.S. airbag recall affects certain 2001 and 2002 Accord sedans, Civic compacts, Odyssey minivans, CR-V small sport utility vehicles and some 2002 Acura TL sedans.

Honda said it is aware of 12 incidents linked to the problem — one death in May 2009 and 11 injuries. The company said it is not aware of any problems happening after July 2009.

Last month Honda recalled 646,000 Fit hatchbacks because of a glitch that could cause water to enter the power window mechanism, causing components to overheat. The Fit recall affects 2007-2008 models. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Honda Motor Co. is adding 17,000 more cars in Japan and elsewhere to an existing global recall over faulty airbags.

Air Canada loss drops to $56M

AIRLINES Air Canada beat expectations yesterday by reporting that it lost $56 million in the fourth quarter, a dramatic improvement from the same period in 2008.

The quarterly loss would have been even bigger if not for $108 million in gains on foreign exchange.

In the fourth quarter of 2008, the Montreal-based airline company had a net loss of $727 million, including $527 million in foreign exchange losses.

Premium cabin revenues, which are key to Air Canada's financial health, showed signs of improvement as losses decreased from earlier in the year.

The airline benefited in the final period of the year from an eight per cent drop in operating expenses as lower fuel and favourable foreign exchange trimmed $213 million in costs.

Meanwhile, Air Canada is sticking to its goal of achieving $500 million in annual cost savings and revenue enhancements by 2011. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bioniche posts its first-ever quarterly profit in 2nd quarter

EARNINGS Bioniche Life Sciences Inc. recorded its first-ever quarterly profit at the end of 2009, boosted by revenues from a licensing agreement with an American firm.

The biopharmaceutical company said yesterday its net and comprehensive income totalled $2.7 million or four cents a share in the second quarter ended Dec. 31. That reversed a year-earlier loss of $2.4 million or four cents a share.

Revenues jumped 61 per cent to $13.8 million from $8.6 million.

"This was a very positive quarter for the company, the first one in its history to show a profit," stated chairman, president and chief executive Graeme McRae in a release.

The Belleville, Ont.-company said it received a $6 million US payment from Endo Pharmaceuticals Inc. as part of its multimillion-dollar deal to sell the exclusive right to develop and market its bladder cancer drug Urocidin in the United States.

At the end of December, Bioniche had $14.4 million in cash and equivalents. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business in brief

AWARD Toyota has declined to accept a Japanese government energy efficiency award given to its hybrid Prius, saying yesterday the honour is not appropriate for a car hit by massive recalls. The Prius was one of the three products that won the annual trade minister's grand prize for energy efficiency. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NY Times Earnings triple

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The New York Times Co. said yesterday its fourth-quarter earnings climbed more than three-fold to $90.9 million US, helped by cost cutting, an improving ad market and a one-time gain from lower pension costs. The company's print newspapers saw a 20 per cent ad decline, but Internet advertising started growing again, climbing 10.6 per cent after a year of declines.

MySpace trying audio ads

Hoping to boost revenue, MySpace Music has begun experimenting with audio advertisements that users must hear if they want to listen to music for free.

The 30-second ads began appearing last week when users listen to songs on artist profiles, album pages, playlists and pop-out players. They expand on a trial that began in December.

The ads are impossible to avoid, unlike the visual, banner ads that can be put out of sight in background windows as users listen along while doing other web surfing or computer work. But the audio ads are timed so that a user can listen to up to 100 songs on a playlist or to a full album with just a single interruption after the first song.

The oral pitches make online listening more like over-the-air radio, although online listeners can choose which songs they hear.

"We're testing some new ad products and the response from our users has been positive," MySpace Music said in a statement. "As always, we are interested in hearing feedback from our users and advertising community as we run these tests."

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Background

- MySpace, a joint venture between recording companies and News Corp., is being overhauled by Owen Van Natta, a former Facebook executive who joined the company last April as CEO.
- Once a leading social-networking site, MySpace has lost market share to Facebook and others. Last year, it cut about 720 jobs.

Brokerage sued over overtime allegations

LAWSUIT A class action lawsuit has been filed against BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. on behalf of employees who are allegedly owed unpaid overtime. The filing claims that the brokerage wing of the Bank of Montreal did not properly record employees' work hours, and didn't pay overtime owed.

The lawsuit also claims BMO Nesbitt Burns created an environment where employees were expected to work up to 80 hours per week. The allegations haven't been proven.

The suit was filed in Ontario Superior Court by Juroviesky and Ricci LLP for one client with the intent of getting class-action status. The claim seeks compensation on behalf of other BMO Nesbitt Burns employees or former employees who worked at the company as long ago as 2002.

A BMO spokesman says the bank has processes in place to deal with overtime claims, and that it will defend itself vigorously.

Lawyer Henry Juroviesky said that workers paid on commission are also protected by provincial guidelines for overtime pay.

Several other Canadian banks have faced class-action lawsuits related to employee overtime compensation.

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Other cases

- Last year, a judge dismissed a suit against CIBC by a teller alleging unpaid overtime to its customer service staff. That suit was also headed by Juroviesky and Ricci LLP.
- A case claiming overtime filed by another law firm against Scotiabank is still pending in the courts, with the judge reserving his decision on whether to grant it class-action status.

Talisman eyeing overseas projects

ENERGY Talisman Energy Inc., a big name in North American shale natural gas plays, is eyeing opportunities to develop similar types of reservoirs overseas, an executive said.

The Calgary-based oil and gas explorer has substantial holdings in British Columbia and Pennsylvania, but has been starting to look at international basins lately as well.

Talisman has been one of Canada's biggest players in shale gas, a resource that was too difficult and costly to develop until the advent of technologies like horizontal drilling and multi-stage rock fracturing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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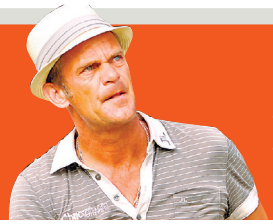

Parnevik fears career is over

Jesper Parnevik, left, says he will likely have to quit golf because of a broken vertebrae in his lower back. Parnevik, a five-time winner on the PGA Tour, told Swedish tabloid Aftonbladet that doctors say he needs to undergo joint fusion surgery, "which means I can't play anymore."

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Sports in brief

BASEBALL A source requesting anonymity says the Atlanta Braves have made an offer to free agent outfielder Johnny Damon. Atlanta's offer is believed to be for one year and include deferred money. Damon's agent, Scott Boras, has said he is seeking at least a two-year deal.

SOCCER Chelsea crashed to a 2-1 loss at Everton yesterday and saw its Premier League lead trimmed to a point by Manchester United, which drew 1-1 with Aston Villa. Arsenal closed the gap on Chelsea to seven points as Abou Diaby's second-half strike clinched a 1-0 victory over Liverpool.

CFL Andre Talbot and fellow Canadian receiver Brad Smith were traded by the Toronto Argonauts to the Edmonton Eskimos yesterday for import defensive tackle Eric Taylor and a conditional pick in the 2011 draft.

BOXING Canadian Steve (The Canadian Kid) Molitor is getting a chance to regain the IBF junior featherweight boxing title March 27 at Rumble at Rama XI. Molitor will go to the ring against South African Takalani Ndlovu for the vacant title.

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Raps stave off comeback

NBA RESULTS

76ers 93 Raptors 104

The Toronto Raptors won their eighth in a row at home last night, surviving a furious fourth-quarter comeback from Philadelphia to beat the 76ers 104-93.

Chris Bosh led the Raptors with 23 points and 12 rebounds, while Andrea Bargnani added 16, including an important three-pointer late.

Sonny Weems and DeMar DeRozan each scored 14 points for Toronto (29-23).

Louis Williams scored 26 points for the 76ers, including 14 in the fourth quarter. Thaddeus Young added 15 for Philadelphia.

The 76ers (20-32), winners of five in a row coming in, trailed by as many as 23 in the third quarter and entered the fourth down by 15.

They cut the lead to five points when Elton Brand made two free throws to make it 86-81 with 5:20 to play.

Williams hit a three-pointer with 3:45 to play and scored on a driving layup with 3:18 left to pull the 76ers to within four at 90-86.

After Bargnani made one of two free throws, Williams hit another three with 2:52 left to cut the lead to 91-89. Bosh hit two free throws, but Williams again cut the lead to two and Young tied it at 93-93 with 2:06 to go.

But the Raptors' Jose Calderon was fouled by Willie Green on a three-point attempt and made the ensuing free throw to make it 97-93. After Antoine Wright came up with a steal for Toronto, Bargnani hit a three-pointer with 41 seconds left to seal it and send the crowd of 16,651 at Air Canada Centre into a frenzy.

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Toronto Raptors Jose Calderon, left, Reggie Evans and Chris Bosh walk across the court last night at the Air Canada Centre. The Raptors defeated the Philadelphia 76ers 104-93.

With two teams to coach, Wilson has less free time

HOCKEY Ron Wilson says he is a movie buff, but with the Olympics fast approaching, the Leafs coach is cutting out what little time he has for his silver screen interest.

That's because Wilson is also coach of the US Olympic team heading to Vancouver. Having a dual portfolio with the Games just hours away plays havoc with personal time, but Wilson doesn't mind making a few sacrifices to juggle the two jobs.

"How do I do it, you just do it ... there are other things going on in your life besides the Leafs," Wilson said, referring to normal times when he's merely the Leafs' bench boss.

"I like to watch movies but now I don't, that extra two hours a day that I might have had there ... I now spend that on Olympics."

Wilson was back on the ice yesterday with his team, a day after most of the Leafs organization attended the funeral for Brendan Burke.

These are busy times, and the sudden, tragic loss of Brian Burke's youngest son saddened the hockey world and buckled the Leafs management team, Wilson included.

While Wilson has little time to spare between his two hockey responsibilities, there is even less time for Burke, Wilson's boss as the Leafs GM, and the GM of the US team heading to Vancouver.

Wilson said yesterday he thinks Burke will return to the Leafs Friday in St. Louis, "but we don't know yet." That would be seven days since his son passed away in a car accident, and just three days beyond his burial.

It's also believed Burke will forgo the opening ceremonies in Vancouver and join the Olympics closer to the opening of the hockey tournament Tuesday.

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AC Milan to get new sponsorship deal
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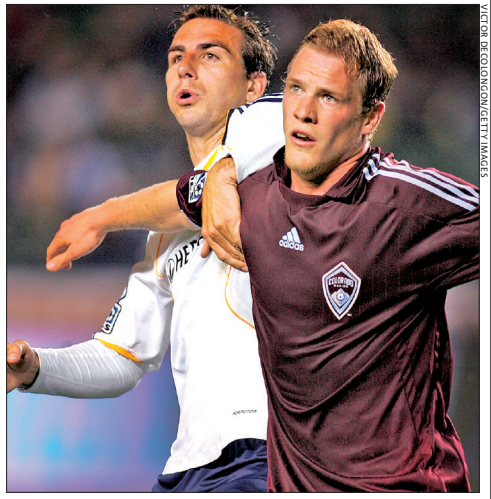
TFC hope Harden can boost defence

Toronto FC has added some much-needed depth on defence, picking up American Ty Harden in a trade with the Colorado Rapids.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Ty Harden, right, pictured with Alan Gordon of the Los Angeles Galaxy, was acquired by Toronto FC in a trade with Colorado.

The 25-year-old from Junction City, Ore., comes to the Reds in exchange for a third-round draft choice in the 2011 Major League Soccer SuperDraft.

"We are excited to have him on board with us," TFC's new head coach, Preki Radosavljevic, said in a news release announcing the trade yesterday.

"He's a good quality, young defender and there are many things I like about him. He showed a lot of promise with the (Los Angeles) Galaxy and we hope he can add some toughness to our back line."

Preki was coaching at Chivas USA, which shares its stadium with the Galaxy, so he would have regularly seen Harden play.

Harden, who arrived at TFC training camp in Bradenton, Fla., Tuesday, will offer a boost to a backline that has struggled through three seasons without a true central defender.

A second-round pick of the Galaxy in the 2007 draft, Harden became a vital member of the side, starting 24 games and being named the team's defender of the year.

But on the first day of training camp in 2008, Harden announced to Galaxy officials he was leaving the game of soccer. He went back to the University of Washington to complete his degree and then ended up teaching at a children's centre in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya. While there, he also started the school's first soccer team.

"Soccer had become a burden," Harden told ESPNsoccernet in a story last year. "I needed to get away from it. It just felt like I was missing out on things."

Harden, whose parents worked for the charitable organization Goodwill, stayed at the children's centre for six weeks until the school year ended before returning home.

Colorado traded with Los Angeles for Harden's rights and he played last season with the Rapids.

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No apologies from Braley after purchase

CFL B.C. Lions owner David Braley isn't apologizing for buying the Toronto Argonauts, saying he's simply doing what's in the best interests of the CFL.

"I love the CFL game and I love the league," the Hamilton businessman said yesterday. "The Toronto market is far too important.

"If Toronto strengthens, Hamilton strengthens, southern Ontario strengthens and the CFL office strengthens because it can get more sponsorships."

On Tuesday night, the Argos announced co-owners David Cynamon and Howard Sokolowski had reached an agreement to sell their club to Braley in a move that had been rumoured for weeks.

David Braley

"Howard and David worked very hard and they had passion," Braley said. "They increased the season-ticket base and they increased the corporate sponsorship.

"They did an awful lot for this franchise."

Still, Braley, 68, takes over an Argos club that's hit hard times. It posted a league-worst 3-15 record last year and has won just seven total games in missing the CFL playoffs the last two seasons.

Earlier on Tuesday, the club hired Jim Barker as its new head coach, two months after Bart Andrus was fired after just one season.

Braley said he has no plans of selling either of his CFL franchises any time soon — he expects to own one or both teams until at least age 75, health permitting — and is committed to strengthening the Argos on and off the field. Braley also feels the Argos are in better shape than the Lions were when he bought that franchise.

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Carter would replace Getzlaf: Source
Jeff Carter will take Ryan Getzlaf's spot on Team Canada if the Anaheim Ducks centre is unable to play because of injury, a source told The Canadian Press yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver Games

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Injury may keep Vonn out of Games

SKIING Lindsey Vonn is worried a badly-bruised right shin will keep her out of the Vancouver Olympics, a startling announcement so close to the start of an event shaping up as a showcase for the U.S. skiing star.

Vonn revealed yesterday that she was injured in a slalom training run Feb. 2 during a pre-Olympic practice in Austria. It was her first trip down the slopes of what was supposed to be three days of practice.

"I'm sitting here today questioning whether, you know, I'll be even able to ski," Vonn said at a news conference. "I have to play it by ear."

Lindsey Vonn

As a two-time reigning overall World Cup champion, the 25-year-old who lives and trains in Vail, Colo., has been considered a contender to win multiple medals.

Asked whether she could be forced to sit out altogether, Vonn replied: "Yeah, that's a possibility."

She hasn't skied since getting hurt and said it's even been painful to simply put on a pair of ski boots in her hotel room to test the leg. Vonn said the bruising covers about a 15-centimetre swath of her lower right leg — starting from where the top of a boot rests against her body — but she refused to get any X-rays to check whether she broke a bone because she didn't want to know.

"It's probably the worst place that you can have an injury, because you're constantly pushing against your boot, and there's no way around it," Vonn said.

She described her mindset as "very emotional, very scared. Not the positive way you want to be starting the Olympics."

The first women's alpine race is the super-combined on Sunday. Vonn said she figures she will know a lot more about her status for the Olympics once she takes a run down the slope at Whistler Mountain. The first official training run for women is today.

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Canada's Charles Hamelin, left, moves up on Apolo Anton Ohno of the United States during the final of the men's 1000-metre event at the short-track speedskating ISU World Cup in Montreal on Nov. 8. The two are expected to compete for Olympic gold.

Short-track showdown

U.S. superstar Ohno stands between Hamelin and gold

Bring up the name of celebrity skater Apolo Anton Ohno with members of Canada's short-track speedskating team and they will provide no shortage of opinions.

This is clearly someone they've spent time thinking about.

Ohno, who goes into the Vancouver Games threatening to become the most decorated American Winter Olympian in history, will be competing directly with Canadian star Charles Hamelin for medals.

That makes for a spirit of grudging respect and subtle hostility towards Ohno, a five-time Olympic medallist with a Hollywood attitude, in the Canadian camp.

"He's all right, he's been better," Canadian speedskater Olivier Jean said nonchalantly.

"He's a skater who really knows the game and is always well placed and has excellent strategies, with a lot of experience, but he's not as dominant physically now compared with the other athletes."

Ohno and Hamelin are rivals, but the two couldn't be more different — at least on the surface.

"Charles is less of a showman, less pretentious, less arrogant," said medal favourite Kalyna Roberge of her teammate.

Ohno is competing at his third Games at age 27. He is one of the best-known amateur athletes in the world, an entertainer whose hip-hop freestyle and paso doble famously took him to the top on the TV show Dancing with the Stars. Requests for interviews with Ohno must go through his agent, rather than US Speedskating.

On the web
Learn more about Charles Hamelin in an interactive profile at **metronews.ca/olympics**

Hamelin, 25, has become a star in his native Quebec, but remains slightly shy and intensely focused. After Hamelin and his teammates were eclipsed by Ohno's star power at a 2008 world cup competition in Vancouver, they've worked on raising the profile of the Canadian athletes in time for the Games, where many fans from Ohno's hometown of Seattle will be in attendance.

"(Charles) is more discreet, more Quebecois," team leader Yves Hamelin said of his son. "It's harder for him to play a role. He's very available, he's going to give back a lot to the sport, and as much to the media as to his sponsors."

But Hamelin is a rookie compared to Ohno in the world of self-promotion.

Ohno has done photo shoots with Vogue and Cosmopolitan, and appeared in a high-profile Gap campaign with his signature bandana and soul-patch. His website includes a chance to win an "autograph prize pack."

On Twitter, Ohno boasts daily about his level of preparation for Vancouver: "In the zone!!! I live in it! Do you?" or "Body felt strong in the weight room...cooling dn now. Perhaps I'll do a 4th 2nite...just 2 make sure I'm alive."

Hamelin tweets irregularly — and more like a regular guy. Two recent tweets complained about missing girlfriend and teammate Marianne St-Gelais: "Marianne gone to visit family during these few days off, it's not as fun alone at home!"

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Vancouver Games in brief

ALLEGATION Canadian Jeff Pain says his German skeleton competitors are illegally attaching magnets to their sleds to propel them faster down the course. "I don't know 100 per cent how they use it. My belief is they're creating a magnetic field that provides dampening (or) shock-absorbing," the 39-year-old Calgary slider, a two-time Olympian, told a news conference yesterday. The FIBT, the sport's governing body, said none of the German sleds have flunked race specifications this World Cup season. A German team official wasn't immediately available for comment but, earlier this season, team coach Raimund Bethge denied allegations of cheating.

WEATHER A training run for this weekend's Olympic men's downhill has been scrubbed for the day due to weather issues. Only 42 racers made it down the Dave Murray Downhill Course in Whistler before fog forced organizers to delay the session. An official training session requires all 87 skiers to complete the course.

IOC FINANCES The International Olympic Committee's finances are on the upswing despite the global economic troubles. IOC president Jacques Rogge says the committee's financial reserves stood at $466 million US at the end of 2009, up from $422 million the previous year.

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Gretzky avoids questions about role

REMARKS Wayne Gretzky made an appearance on the eve of the Vancouver Games and added to the growing speculation he might be given a significant role in the opening ceremonies.

The Great One avoided a swarm of reporters after speaking briefly at a promotional event for one of his sponsors yesterday, twice slipping out side exits rather than facing questions ahead of the Olympics. There are rumours he could be involved in Friday's opening ceremonies at B.C. Place — perhaps as the final torchbearer — and Gretzky did little to squelch that talk by aggressively ducking the media.

His public comments were limited to a one-minute speech delivered to a crowd that included dignitaries such as B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell and John Furlong, CEO of the Vancouver Olympic organizing committee. During that address, Gretzky recalled being in Prague as part of the team bidding for the Vancouver Olympics.

"I remember sitting with Premier Campbell and Mr. Furlong and we kept saying the same thing: 'This really is a great city, this is really a great province and this really is a great country,'" he said.

"I think the rest of the world is going to come here to this city and see just how tremendous this city is and how great our country is."

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Secret

- Speculation abounds about who will light the cauldron. Wayne Gretzky is an early favourite among users of Facebook and Twitter, but Sidney Crosby has his own contingent lobbying on his behalf. Former Olympian-turned-Tory-senator Nancy Greene Raine's name also trips off wagging tongues.

Long Legs launches TallGeneZ brand
Toronto-based Long Legs will launch its new TallGeneZ brand with a denim event at its 2717 Yonge St. location on Feb. 26 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Long Legs will be the exclusive worldwide distributor for the new denim label. For more information, visit longlegs.ca. METRO NEWS SERVICE

Style

Wear your heart on your heel

Brazilian sustainable shoemaker Melissa has teamed up again with long-time collaborator Vivienne Westwood for a design that will warm women's hearts this Valentine's Day. The new model is a spring rendition of the classic Lady Dragon heel and is signed by Westwood. The purple-hued stilletto features a vibrant fuchsia base and a solid red heart on the toe. Available at Next Door Clothing (433 Queen St. W.) for $170.
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Born on backs of celebs

Marchesa proves a bona fide high-fashion house

Marchesa is a glamorous, movie-star fashion house: Its specialty is the show-stopping red carpet dresses you're likely to see on Kate Hudson, Sienna Miller or Annie, known to the rest of us as Anne Hathaway.

The gowns seem a perfect complement to the label's co-founders, Georgina Chapman and Keren Craig, two Brits-turned-New Yorkers who fit nicely into the glitzy fabric of the fashion world, clinking champagne glasses with the A-list of editors, stylists and models who'll attend the Marchesa preview at New York Fashion Week, which starts today. Creative director Chapman is even married to film producer-mogul Harvey Weinstein.

So it would seem that Marchesa had potential to become a vanity project like some other celebrity-socialite collections, most of which have come and gone. Marchesa has more going for it, though, not the least of which is the passion and skill of Chapman and Craig.

The duo had known each other when they were students at Chelsea College of Art and Design in London and talked about having their own collection, probably loungewear.

But as Chapman earned her degree in costume design and Craig in textiles, they and their plan drifted.

However, after working as a both a model and behind-the-scenes costumer, Chapman decided she wanted to be her own boss. They rekindled their friendship and — just like that — Marchesa was born in 2004, except they had nothing really to sell and definitely no business model.

New York Fashion Week begins today until Feb. 18

They did have an invitation to a "smart party," though, Chapman says, and they decided to wear their own designs. Chapman wore a backless sari dress that caught the eye of the late influential fashion editor Isabella Blow, who had a reputation for finding young talent.

Blow asked if she could borrow the dress to wear to the Paris runway shows. Blow also was the one who recommended they stick with eveningwear.

"Once we started, we had so much fun," says Chapman.

And, with Marchesa Luisa Casati, the eccentric European style chameleon, as their muse, a vision of a unique brand was emerging.

It was good, if coincidental, timing that their gowns, all one-of-a-kind, started making the rounds to Hollywood stylists just as the weekly celebrity magazines exploded into a huge force in fashion. "We saw the red carpets and saw them as an amazing marketing tool," Chapman says, and they'd carry big suitcases back and forth to Los Angeles.

The buzz started when Renee Zellweger wore a red Marchesa dress to a high-wattage premiere, and it's been one star after another, including Rihanna in a laser-cut leather number and Cameron Diaz in a micro-mini modern tuxedo style.

"Celebrities are drawn to Marchesa because the dresses are ultra-feminine and beautifully made."
Cindy Weber Clearly, InStyle magazine

"Celebrities are drawn to Marchesa because the dresses are ultra-feminine and beautifully made. They truly make one feel like a modern princess," says Cindy Weber Cleary, InStyle magazine's fashion director.

The women can't decide if it's their Greek goddess silhouette or the rose-front dress they've done in every colour that is their calling-card look. It might be the strapless rose one, they reason, because so many women have bought it, which is even more gratifying than seeing something on the red carpet.

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These September 2009 file photos show models wearing spring 2010 gowns by Marchesa during Fashion Week in New York.

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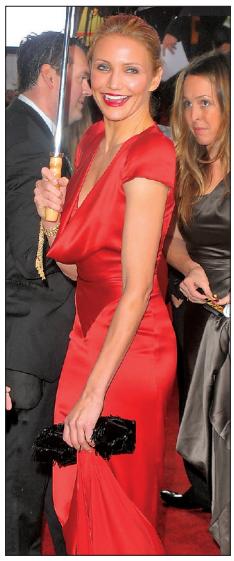

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Take a cue from the celebs and embrace red during this blah time of year. Pictured, left to right, actors Julianne Moore and Cameron Diaz and country singer Taylor Swift.

Lady in red

A shade sure to electrify your wardrobe

JOSEF shirt ($95), at JOSEF stores accross Canada (jacob.ca).

Red satin dress ($139.95), Le Chateau

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This month, we'll be seeing red. A lot of it. And it won't just be in the form of Valentines, cinnamon hearts and cellophane-wrapped bouquets.

Forward-thinking fashionistas are embracing red during this — the blah-est — time of year. Metro spoke with two of Canada's foremost fashion experts to find out why red is so hot this season.

"Red is always hot," says Lisa Tant, editor-in-chief of Flare magazine. "It feels particularly 'right' now because it gives off a burst of energy and passion at a dull time of year. It's also a classic look that is appropriate for any age and skin tone."

What if you want to wear red, but you're low on green?

"It's a smart investment when budgets are tight because it electrifies all of the basics in your wardrobe," says Tant.

Anita Clarke, editor and founder of Toronto-based fashion blog I Want I Got, has some tips on how to best wear red:

"Pay close attention to fit," she advises. "Red gowns are truly dramatic but cocktail dresses can be more fun and playful. For either style, I would wear a dress that has (few) details … the colour and a clean silhouette should be the focus of the outfit. I like minimal accessories in a neutral colour, with black being my default."

If you're not a woman who feels comfortable in head-to-toe red, the vibrant hue also makes a great accent colour. (How many times have we heard What Not To Wear's Stacy London extol the virtues of a cute red shoe?). If a crimson gown is not your scene, try accessorizing a dark wool coat or black dress with a carmine purse, scarlet scarf or maybe even a raspberry beret.

"Red adds radiance and a glow to skin," explains Tant.

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Go for the silver

Jewelry to honour the games

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for Metro Canada

JEWELRY A young sasquatch with a passion for hockey, a surfing sea bear with a snowboarding obsession, a sports-enthusiast animal spirit with thunderbird wings, and an extroverted marmot with a fondness for food... meet the mascots of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Inspired by West Coast First Nations folklore, Quatchi, Miga, Sumi and games-sidekick Muk-Muk are also quirky charms in a line of jewelry by Birks, official jeweler of the games.

Birks' 2010 Winter Games collection celebrates Canada's aboriginal culture as well as the Olympics. Nature-inspired elements depicting such things as a bear, tree, and a Squamish legend of surviving a great flood reinforce the theme as well as pay hommage to the BC landscape.

Most represented is the official emblem, a contemporary interpretation of an inukshuk, the Inuit rock structure and navigational marker. Called Ilanaaq, which means "friend" in the Inuktitut language, "it's something we can all embrace," says Birks design director Marion Cameron.

Birks mascot charms: Miga charm (left), Muk Muk (right). Both $75.

Birks Ilanaaq Necklace with nature charms ($150)

"It's uniquely Canadian and stands for hope and friendship, which also has great meaning for the games."

The designer's mandate was to incorporate official graphic images sanctioned by the Vancouver Olympic Committee (VANOC) in a line that captures the spirit of the games, the Birks brand and the Birks consumer as well as fans of the sports.

Most pieces are sterling silver to keep prices accessible as well as to give the collection a modern yet timeless quality.

TFI designs Olympic vest

SPECIAL EDITION Ontario representatives at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics will be showing off the latest creation by Ontario's up-and-coming fashion designers.

While manning the Ontario Pavilion in Vancouver, employees for the Ministry of Tourism for Ontario will be wearing a unique vest designed by in-house fashion designers from the Toronto Fashion Incubator (TFI), a non-profit organization, which supports young designers.

Five designers from TFI came up with designs to show the ministry of Tourism. The winning vest, designed by Natalie Good of the design company Andy Hall, was chosen for its hip design.

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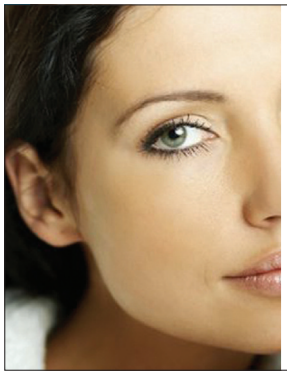

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Frank Turco, Colour, Trend and Design manager, The Home Depot

Euphoria Nine-Light Polished Chrome Chandelier, $299, The Home Depot.

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"Red is a strong, passionate colour and the Voluspa Goji Berry collection ... combines the perfect blend of a beautiful red, Japanese floral motif with an elegant fragrance in a clean-burning artisan candle."

Will Moskal, Public Relations Coordinator, Indigo Books

Voluspa Goji Berry hand-poured three-wick tin candle, $24.99, Indigo and Chapters.

"Red is a power colour no matter where you see it, it's the starlet of all colours that instantly brings style and boldness into to your home."

Aimee Beatty, Pier 1 Imports Stylist

Red Velvet Dining Chair, $269.95, Pier 1

"Fire Engine Red commands attention. A small accent of vibrant colour is nevertheless mighty in any size space."

Colleen Uncao, Public Relations Manager, Winners Merchants International

High-gloss lacquer side table in Fire Engine Red, $159.99, HomeSense.

"Laundry rooms are moving from basements ... to high-traffic areas in the home, creating the opportunity to consider washers and dryers as part of your home's main decor."

Tom Coulman, Director of Product and Brand Development, Electrolux Major Appliances

Red Hot Red laundry machines, starting at $2,699 for the pair, $299 for each pedestal, Electrolux.

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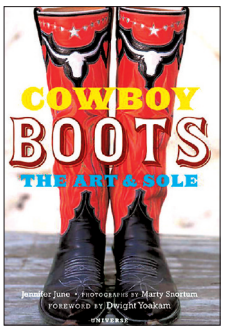
TOP BAGS

Play with braids, studs, grommets and tassels



COWGIRL CHIC

How did rough, utilitarian cowboy boots, an iconic symbol of the American frontier, become one of this season's must-have fashion accessories? Style-wise, these kickin' boots are funky and idiosyncratic, and the supple leather provides a canvas for subtle or bold designs. In *Cowboy Boots: The Art & Sole*, custom boot maker and cultural historian Jennifer June traces the boot from its early days (circa 1900) to today's high-fashion runways.

Editors' Pick

STEP LIVELY

Kick up your heels! Payless' designer collabs — with Alice + Olivia, Lela Rose and Christian Siriano — are once again available in Canada. Coast-print satin pumps, Christian Siriano for Payless ($54.99, 1-877-474-6379).

NEXT DIMENSION

The red lip goes 3-D with layered colour and rich pigment.

Laura Mercier Lipstickin Truly Red ($27)

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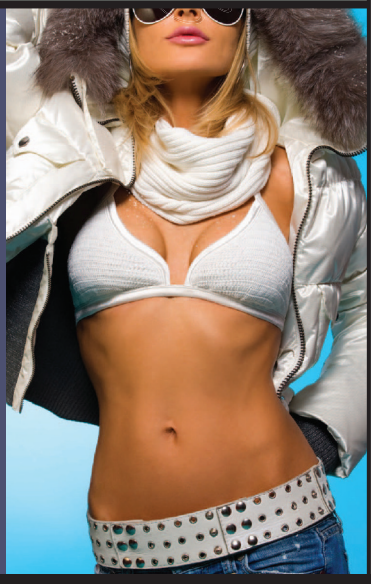

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Chung to design for Madewell

Chung

COLLECTION

Alexa Chung is many things: TV personality, model, DJ, writer, photographer, downtown-cool style icon, best-dressed-list mainstay … and now she can add fashion designer to the list.

She's is partnering with Madewell, the heritage denim label that's part of J.Crew Group, to create an exclusive collection — her first-ever collaboration with any label — due to debut fall 2010.

This limited-edition Alexa Chung for Madewell collection will include covetable jeans and a tightly-edited group of key pieces to wear with them. The collection will be sold through madewell1937.com — which will also be launching ecommerce this spring — and in Madewell stores nationwide.

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METRO CUSTOM PUBLISHING FEATURE

Canadian Living 2010 BEST NEW PRODUCT Voted by Consumers ~ powered by BrandSpark ~

What are the Best New Product Awards?

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Metro Homes

Reflect

Reflection in the round, this Horn Wall Mirror is encircled with pieces of natural horn. West Elm, $79, westelm.com. For more see page 37.

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Bloor Viaduct

Cabbagetown: Artistic with a welcoming soul

Cabbagetown

Spaces & **Places**

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

As a community where all walks of life, culture and income levels mix almost effortlessly, Cabbagetown is unsurprisingly one of Toronto's trendiest neighbourhoods to live in.

A compact community running from Jarvis St. to the Don Valley Parkway and from Gerard to Bloor streets, the area had a humble beginning in the 1840s as a haven for people so poor they were said to grow cabbage on their front lawns, giving the area its nickname. While Cabbagetown still houses some of the city's poorest residents, sweeping changes since the 1970s have seen rapid gentrification of the community by wealthy professionals while a recent revitalization project centred on Regent Park to the south has promised to help harmonize life in the area.

A long-time liberal enclave, Cabbagetown has also seen a wide share of famous residents and frequent visitors trundle through including people like Adrienne Clarkson, Avril Lavigne, Michael Ondaatje and former Toronto mayor Barbara Hall.

Cabbagetown is also known for its gorgeous brick Victorian-style homes and is said to be the largest area of preserved Victorian housing in North America, due largely to restoration efforts by individual property owners drawn to the area's Victorian charm.

The area's green spaces are abundant featuring large parks like Allen Gardens and Winchester Square Park and many small parkettes scattered around Cabbagetown.

Home to many artists and increasingly becoming a second home to gay residents who've moved east from Church and Wellesley Village, Cabbagetown has a creative heart and a welcoming soul.

The Lowdown:

- **AVERAGE REAL ESTATE VALUE:** $410,932
- **AVERAGE GROSS RENT:** $890
- **SCHOOLS:** Winchester Jr and Sr PS (15 Prospect St.), Sprucecourt PS (70 Spruce St.)
- **MAJOR GROCERY STORES:** Food Basics (238 Wellesley Street E.), many small local grocers
- **FITNESS AND GYMS:** The Union Yoga Centre (242 Carlton St.), GoodLife Fitness (8 Park Rd.)
- **CONDOMINIUMS** Star of Downtown (Wellesly & Jarvis), Cabbagetown Mews (Carlton & Parliament), The 500 Condos + Lofts (500 Carlton St.), Steam Plant Lofts (10 Wellesley St.)
- **GETTING AROUND:** Subway stations at Castle Frank and Sherbourne, easy access to the DVP via Bloor St. E., Dundas St. E. and Queen St. E., streetcar along Carlton Street and bus lines throughout the area

–RAFAEL BRUSILOW

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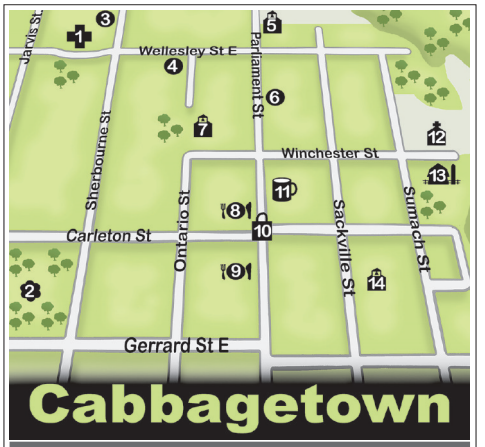


Legend

- 1: Wellesley Hospital
- 2: Allan Gardens
- 3: The 500 Condos + Lofts
- 4: Star of Downtown (condo)
- 5: St. James Cemetery
- 6: Cabbagetown Mews (condo)
- 7: Winchester Public School
- 8: Gourmet Burger Co.
- 9: The House on Parliament
- 10: Shopping on Parliament
- 11: Jet Fuel
- 12: Toronto Necropolis
- 13: Riverdale Farm
- 14: Sprucecourt Public School

What do you like about Cabbagetown? -compiled by Rafael Brusilow

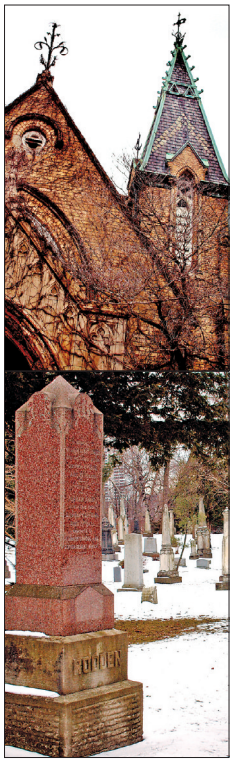
Mark Latter
age 50, lives in the area
A: "I love it here, it has an old-fashioned neighbourhood feel of peace and calm. Pear Tree has good down-home cooking."

Carol Good
age 53, goes to school here
A: "Cabbagetown has a lot of compact diversity, I really enjoy it. The chicken soup at Ginger's is great!"

Ian Agard
age 34, lives near the area
A: "It's a great area because it has an eclectic mix of people and the arts. Honestly, I just love the local Wing Machine!"

Having fun with streets
Streets adjacent to Parliament are full of Victorian worker's cottages and townhouses and shot through with back alleys recently named in honour of eminent residents and historical anecdotes (such as Prohibition Lane, among others). –RICK MCGINNIS

From Victorian homes to Jet Fuel


Some shots of the Necropolis

RICK MCGINNIS
for Metro Canada

Fifty years ago, if you'd asked anyone where Cabbagetown was, they'd have directed you to a notoriously shabby district of well-packed Victorian homes on either side of Parliament Street south of Gerrard and north of Queen. Today, everyone knows Cabbagetown as the neighbourhood to the immediate north, as the old Cabbagetown long ago disappeared underneath the urban renewal of Regent Park, and nobody would call what's taken its place shabby, or dare to use the word "slum."

Bounded by the Don River to the east and Sherbourne to the west, Cabbagetown is nothing like the area immortalized by Hugh Garner in the 1950 novel he named after the neighbourhood, and described as "a neighbourhood almost without tenements … lined with single-family homes, many of whose upper stories accommodated a second family."

The old Hotel Winchester behind which lies Samovar, which serves pricey vodka for the weekend crowd.

The homes remain, but the second families are gone, replaced by the prosperous and house-proud, all immensely pleased to have an address in one of the city's most picturesque districts.

Parliament Street remains its main drag. The House On Parliament is a convivial and welcoming watering hole, while behind a side door at the back of what was once the Hotel Winchester you'll find Samovar in the hotel's stunning old Laurentian Room, a jazz-age art deco hangout now serving pricey vodkas to a weekend crowd.

The Winchester's old tavern room is now home to Stonegrill, where you can cook your own meal on a sizzling slab of volcanic rock, while the old reception area has been taken over by an entirely more prosaic Tim Hortons. There's also a Starbucks, but the coffee epicenter of Cabbagetown remains the Jet Fuel Café, with its décor of well-worn recycled antiques and bicycling trophies. Jet Fuel pre-dates the city's coffee explosion — opened in 1992, before the Dark Horses and Balzac's, an outpost of youthful caffeination that's for regulars.

Across the street there's an outpost of the Gourmet Burger chain, just two doors from Johnny G's, which boasts a fine burgers itself.

A walk east on Winchester takes you to its crown jewels — the only slightly macabre Necropolis cemetery and Riverdale Farm, once the home of Toronto's first zoo, and now a lovingly recreated rural homestead in the middle of the city.

Walk a bit further east for a view that actually makes the Don Valley Parkway worth looking at, and imagine the sense of contentment you'd feel if you could call this place home.

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Some shots of Jet Fuel on Parliament, one the area's many coffee shop.

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Monarch

Homescape returns next week
For more tips on keeping your home a welcome place, read Sylvia Putz' Homescape column online at Metronews.ca or in print; returning to Metro Homes next week.

Simple solutions for cleaning quandaries

They are the cleaning jobs around the house that can drive even the most ardent neat freak a bit batty — the vase you can't properly wash or the tile grout that isn't as fresh-looking as it once was.

In Real Simple Solutions, the editors of Real Simple magazine are sharing some of their wisdoms, tricks and easy ideas to not only take the elbow grease out of cleaning, but also simplify everyday life using products you already have around the house.

Among their advice is how to use an everyday fabric-softner sheet for more than just preventing dryer cling:

JAMES BAIGRIE/REAL SIMPLE SOLUTIONS

Use a fabric-softner sheet to get rid of static cling.

DRAWER SCENTER If fabric-softner sheets make your clothes smell nice in the dryer, just think what they could do in your dresser. Slip a few fresh ones between folded clothes.

THREAD DETANGLER To stop thread from twisting and knotting up, run the threaded needle through a fabric-softner sheet before starting to sow.

BOOK DEODORIZER Prevent your beloved old volumes from acquiring a musty smell by inserting a fabric-softner sheet between the pages.

SHOE FRESHENER: Sadly, shoes don't keep that just-purchased scent past one or two wearings. Place rolled-up sheets in the toes to control odor.

SAWDUST CLEANER: For wiping up sawdust after drilling, you need something that can grab the fine particles. A used fabric-softner sheet will do the trick.

SCUM BUSTER: Remove obstinate soap buildup from glass shower doors by sprinkling a few drops of water onto a used fabric-softner sheet and scrubbing.

CLING COMBATANT: When static attacks, pat yourself down with a fabric-softner sheet to get rid of the electricity.

REAL SIMPLE Solutions

Real Simple Solutions ($24.95) is available at **Indigo** and **Chapters**, visit chapters.indigo.ca.

Here are some other Real Simple Solutions hints on how easily-found household products can be used to make cleaning easier.

LINT ROLLER
Old Use: Fuzz eliminator
New Use: Lamp-shade duster. Supporting the inside the shade with your free hand, run a lint roller up and down the outside to remove dirt.

DENTURE TABLETS
Old Use: False-teeth freshener
New Use: Vase and decanter cleaner. When residue clings to unreachable spots inside a vase or a decanter, fill the container with warm water and drop in one or two denture-cleaning tablets for every eight ounces of warm water. Let the fizzy solution sit for the time specified on the product's box, then rinse.

ELECTRIC TOOTHBRUSH
Old Use: Smile polisher
New Use: Tile scourer. Dip an old, retired toothbrush head into a solution of all-purpose cleanser and water, and use it to scrub tile grout, bathroom fixtures, and any other nook or cranny a large brush can't reach.

RUBBER GLOVE
Old Use: Dishwasher assistant
New Use: Pet-hair remover. Put on a damp rubber dishwashing glove and run your hand over hair-covered upholstery — the hair will cling to the glove, not the sofa. Rinse off the glove in the sink (with the drain catcher in place, of course).

ADVERTISING FEATURE

EXCITING NEWS FOR FIRST-TIME BUYERS IN ERIN MILLS

Daniels FirstHome™ Destination Drive offers MORE to make homeownership easy and affordable this March!

The Daniels Corporation is back with their newest FirstHome™ Community designed to make homeownership easy and affordable for today's first-time homebuyers. Hot on the heels of the tremendously successful FirstHome™ Eglinton West, which went on sale last Spring and sold out in just one day, Daniels is getting ready to introduce their seventh FirstHome™ Community this March – FirstHome™ Destination Drive. This exciting new community will offer first-time buyers quality-built homes in a desirable location at incredible prices! And judging by the overwhelming response received to date, Destination Drive is shaping up to follow in the footsteps of Daniels' previous FirstHome™ Communities and is expected to sell out quickly.

Already well under construction at the southwest corner of Erin Centre and Winston Churchill Boulevards in the heart of Erin Mills, FirstHome™ Destination Drive will offer MORE new home designs than ever before, with a limited collection of condominium suites AND townhomes, starting from an incredible $139,900.

In addition to one-, two- and three-bedroom condominium townhomes, FirstHome™ Destination Drive will introduce a new collection of two- and three-bedroom townhomes featuring finished lower level walk-outs and private fenced-in backyards. PLUS, for the first time ever within a FirstHome™ Community, Daniels will offer condominium suites ranging from studios to three-bedroom-plus-den designs set within a beautiful four-storey condominium building.

"The homes at Destination Drive will be fully-built when the community goes on sale this March," says Don Pugh, Vice-President of The Daniels Corporation. "This means that purchasers will be able to walk through a model of each new home design including a selection of furnished models and see, touch and feel which new home layout will best suit their lifestyle needs."

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Suite Talk

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

When a natural setting and modern living combine the results can be nothing short of harmony.

And you can find harmony at River Edge in Whitby, built by Glen Rouge Homes. The four-bedroom Huntingwood model home, designed by Ada Cheng, shows off exactly the kind of elegance and comfort that can be achieved by fusing modern sensibilities with classic good looks to create a space that feels influenced by country life, not overwhelmed by it.

"Contemporary classic or contemporary country, that's the style I like to go with. If you go full country, that might just be a little too rustic. I like to tone it down with a few contemporary touches," Cheng said.

Inside, Cheng chose furniture from Ethan Allen inspired made mostly from redwood and built primarily for comfort.

Tall windows are a main feature of the model home, bringing in large amounts of light throughout the home and showing off the picturesque surroundings since more than half of the homes in the development are planted in the nearby conservation area.

Seen here are some shots from Glen Rouge Homes' model home.

River Edge

- Builder: Glen Rouge Homes
- Website: glenrougehomes.com
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Update GST for harmony's sake

RooftopSurfing

With the next federal budget less than a month away, federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty has a golden opportunity to enhance the GST new housing rebate structure to be consistent with Ontario and British Columbia approaches to housing under the HST.

Ontario and B.C. have both adopted a graduated approach to the HST under which the full tax rate of eight per cent in Ontario and seven per cent in B.C. is only payable on the portion of the house price over $400,000 in Ontario and $525,000 in B.C.

The graduated approach obviously reduces the overall tax payable on the biggest of the big ticket items — your new home — and would go a long way towards mitigating the impact of the five per cent GST, which is payable over-and-above the provincial tax.

Ontario and B.C. have also trumped the feds in the area of rebates to offset the impact of the tax. The federal government's new housing rebate is just 36 per cent of the GST payable up to a maximum of $6,300. Meanwhile, Ontario is giving a 75 per cent new housing rebate to a maximum of $24,000 while B.C. is at 71.43 per cent to a maximum of $26,250.

Then there's the matter of the claw-back of the GST rebate. Under the extremely outdated GST framework, the new housing rebate is clawed back on homes priced over $350,000 and once you hit $450,000, there is no rebate payable. By contrast, the Ontario and B.C. rebates apply regardless of house price.

So we have a tax that is supposed to be harmonized for cost-effective collection, yet we have widely differing thresholds, rebates and approaches to the tax calculation.

For harmony's sake, why not have the same graduated tax approach and threshold right across the country, federally and provincially, indexed on a go-forward basis? Flaherty knows that the current federal approach is woefully out-of-date. He knows the Ontario and B.C. models make the most sense. All he has to do now is make it right in the next federal budget.

Stephen Dupuis is president and CEO of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD). He can be reached at president@bildgta.ca.

Suite Talk archives online
For more model suites and model homes in the Toronto are, visit Metronews.ca

Batten down... **the bedroom**

JENNIFER BILL
for Metro Canada

Typically hiding behind closed doors from those invited over for tea — the bedroom is the most personal space in the house.

"A bedroom is the place where we spend a great deal of time and it's a place of refuge," said Jacqueline Glass, editor of Reno & Decor magazine.

"It's the room that friends and family members see the least, so people can just close the door. But I think it has changed a little bit — people are house proud."

Whether with bed made and pillows aligned or sheets dishevelled and begging to be jumped in, the bedroom is the place you start and end your day, the place to hide, cry or ponder life while cosy and relaxed.

"Bedrooms should be soothing," said Glass, who runs design company Jacqueline Glass and Associates in Mississauga and is a regular on Cityline. "With gorgeous linens and lots of Euro shams and a beautiful fabric headboard for the bed you can create a space that is beautiful and inviting to be in."

Inspired by blackbird silhouettes, these decorative Sculptural Birds add a playful touch to a bedroom bookshelf. Cast of aluminum with a bronze finish. Detailed with oversized feet for whimsical appeal. Pottery Barn, $29-$39, potterbarn.ca.

Homes in Style

Cuddle up cozy with this Sheep Throw, made from 20 per cent polyester, 80 per cent acrylic with a polyester lining. Available in white, beige and black. Urban Barn, $95, urbanbarn.ca.

This Round Uplight Table Lamp has a simple silhouette, made out of hand-hammered metal or bone, and topped with a white cotton shade. West Elm, $59, westelm.com.

This chic Foxed Mirror Table Lamp dazzles over a shapely wood-construction base, topped with a white textured cotton shade for glamorous illumination. West Elm, $199, westelm.com.

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2010 Auto Show

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The 2011 Shelby GT350.

The Shelby effect

Legend's Cobras and GTs on display

MICHAEL GOETZ
for Metro Canada

When it comes to American sports car racing and sports car manufacturing during the heady days of the 1960s, one man stands out — Carroll Shelby.

The 2010 Canadian International Auto Show celebrated his extraordinary life by hosting a gala in his honour last night, and will be showcasing over 40 of the most important cars of his career.

In case you've missed the memo, Shelby was a Second World War bomber pilot, a fearless amateur driver, and a celebrated professional driver, winning Le Mans in 1959, and going on to F1 in 1960.

Heart issues soon forced him out of the driver's seat. He started making phone calls. He convinced Ford he had a neat sports car chassis to take its newly minted small-block V8. He convinced AC Cars of Britain that he had a neat American V8 for its sports car chassis. He set up shop in California and began to produce the legendary Shelby Cobra.

His race team, Shelby American, built and raced a succession of Cobras and other Ford-powered screamers, like the Mustang-based Shelby GT 350 and Ford GT 40 sports racers, beating Aston Martin, Porsche and Ferrari at major races around the world.

He continued to work with Ford, and other makers, to develop unique Shelby models — the latest being the 2011 Ford Shelby 500 GT. His company, Shelby Automobiles, continues to build a modern version of the Cobra.

"I'm standing in the middle of about $40 million worth of historic vehicles," said Richard Pickering over the phone, a day before the gala. It was Pickering's job to find these rare cars and convince their owners to display them at this auto show.

The centerpiece is the Cobra Daytona Coupe, one of only six built, and the actual car that Dan Gurney and Bob Bondurant drove to class victory at Le Mans in 1964. How much is it worth? "I'm guessing $8 million," Pickering says.

The Shelby display is not something that will happen every day. Show manager, Tom Tonks, puts it this way: "The exhibit itself is really a moment in time… a once in a lifetime opportunity to see these cars together."

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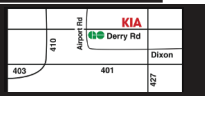

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GIFTS FOR HIM

These fun boxer shorts are sure to be a hit. "Hello My Name is Mr. Right," top right, is $10 for a pack of two at Walmart. The Hershey's Kisses boxers, left, are $9.97 at Zellers.

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FOR THE TECH-LOVER

These red laptops are the perfect gift for your Valentine this year. The **HP Mini 210**, left, is small enough to fit into most purses. It's available for $399 at Staples, Walmart, Costco and at hpshopping.ca. The **Toshiba NB305 Netbook** boasts a long-lasting battery life. It's available for $459 at major retailers and shoptoshiba.ca.

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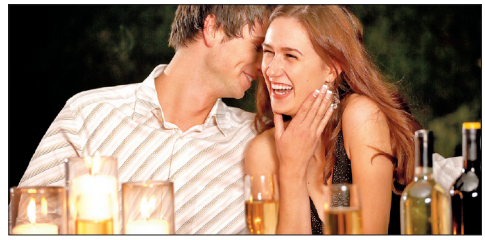

If you're planning a romantic date at home, light some candles and deck out the table with rose petals and your favourite wine.

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Valentine's Day can often be expensive to celebrate but frugal lovebirds shouldn't have to feel left out — after all, it's usually the thought that counts.

Instead of feeling compelled to drop a lot of money on the looming V-Day, why not ramp up the romance with a few low-cost options that show off how strong your feelings are rather than how big your wallet is?

Be early

Celebrating a day before will let you do just about anything you'd normally do on Valentine's Day, but without paying the dreaded V-Day premium, and you won't have to deal with swarms of couples batting eyes (or throwing drinks) at each other.

Take that moonlight cruise or check out that stage show you've been thinking about without having to pay double for it — and then have a great bouquet of flowers arrive on the actual day.

Face time for long distances

If you're away from your loved one on V-Day, hooking up on a video chat can be a great way to reconnect and proclaim your love, as well as sending a video. YouTube is offering links to a string of cute, user-made Valentine's videos, or you can take one yourself and send it directly to your sweetheart

"One of the really nice things about online video is it lets you feel connected to the people you fell closest to emotionally — even when you're not close to them geographically," said Google Canada spokesperson Tamara Micner.

Stay in

A lovingly prepared home-cooked meal can really impress your sweetheart for a fraction of the cost of a restaurant meal while being much more intimate and romantic.

Pick your own mood music, light some candles and deck out the table with rose petals and your favourite wine — it's easy to enjoy something you already like. Google around for some recipe ideas or check out cookingnook.com for some great options.

Be creative

Meals happen all the time, but how often do you get to show off your touching, creative side? A thoughtful poem, song or portrait can be a great keepsake and a testament to your feelings.

Remember, keep the humour romantic and charming, and finish strong.

For those less creative types, you can buy a personalized Valentine's Day song from sites like giftsongs.com — just plug in your loved one's name and a few details like their eye colour, and so on, and let the professional singers do the rest, all for about $50.

Valentine's Day DIY

Here are some more ultra-cheap, ultra-romantic options for Valentine's Day:

- Make a special care package with all the favourite things your sweetheart loves, no matter how small or funny. Noticing the little things will get you massive brownie points.
- Write up some "love coupons" to give to them which entitle them to a romantic dinner, massage or perhaps much more any time they'd want.
- Set up your home like a romantic spa, with candles and a bubble bath for two.
- Leave secret love notes – ideally with something sweet attached for your lover to enjoy – all around the home, inside their car or stuck to the bathroom mirror.

Advice for the procrastinator

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

So Valentine's Day is here and, yet again, you've forgotten beforehand to buy flowers or arrange to have them delivered. Fret not, you shameless procrastinator you, all is not lost.

Short of painstakingly growing your own flowers in a backyard greenhouse and plucking the choicest ones on the day itself for your sweetheart (which, undoubtedly, is a very romantic option), most of us will have to settle for the store-bought variety.

The first thing to remember is that many florists know just how close you like to cut things, and as a result do offer same-day delivery on Valentine's Day, albeit for a higher price given the demand.

Get that phone charged up and start calling your local florists (or start Googling "massive apology" if you come up short). Pickings will get slimmer as time nears the evening on V-Day regardless though, so get moving as early as possible.

Consider other flowers, or even plants, instead of roses. Marketers have promoted roses as the de-facto floral choice for Valentine's Day, but there's no reason any other flower can't proclaim love just as well.

Roses are also particularly expensive and often hard to come by at the last minute, whereas florists might still have plenty of other gorgeous flowers left in stock to bail out your procrastinating self on the crucial day.

If your sweetheart has a favourite flower, go with that instead, or even consider a beautiful potted plant — it will last much longer as a symbol of your love. A juniper bonsai plant or young bamboo shoots curved into the shape of a heart are a few great choices.

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Celebrate independence

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Valentine's Day isn't just for couples.

For all the single folk out there, this holiday of love is the perfect opportunity to celebrate independence, friendship or the spirit of charity.

Love yourself

You can make Valentine's a day for guilty indulgences, says Ali de Bold, founder of the popular women's resource ChickAdvisor.com. Put on your pyjamas, pour a glass of your favourite wine, and watch movies you're embarrassed to admit you love. "Have a quiet day at home and be thankful for the time that the phones stop ringing," she says.

Another way to treat yourself: Go on vacation.

Single Horizons, a Greater Toronto Area-based social club for singles, organized a Caribbean cruise this year for 112 singles in the week leading up to Feb. 14.

"We get incredible group prices, as you can imagine with so many people going," says LeeAnn Jensen, owner of Single Horizons, "but more importantly, we match people up so they avoid the single supplement and can meet other people in a fun atmosphere."

Love your friends

Get all your single friends together and have a fun girls' (or guys') night in.

For a twist on the traditional dinner party, de Bold suggests Chef Revolution. This Toronto-based service provides a personal chef who will come to your home to cook a gourmet meal, or teach you and your friends how to cook one.

If a night out is what you're looking for, put on your best threads for some good food and dancing.

If you're unattached, gather your single friends together and have a fun girls' (or guys') night in.

"Have a quiet day at home and be thankful for the time that the phones stop ringing."
Ali de Bold, founder of ChickAdvisor.com

Love others

The No. 1 positive about being single on V-Day: "You don't have the expectations that all the girls do who are in a relationship," says de Bold.

Why not think of it as a chance to turn the focus from yourself to others? De Bold suggests volunteering for a charity, dropping in at a soup kitchen or bringing flowers to a nursing home.

"What you'll get out of that will be so much more than just doing something for yourself," she says.

Joys of singlehood

One of the joys of singlehood is being able to do things you might not otherwise do while in a relationship. Here are five of those things:

1. Don't do laundry or housework.
2. Have a guilty pleasure movie marathon.
3. Crank some music you would normally never admit to having in your collection.
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Felton sees Apparition
Tom Felton is teaming up with Ashley Greene for a ghostly new movie. The British actor, best known for playing villainous Draco Malfoy in the wizard films, has signed up to star in spooky story The Apparition, about a young couple haunted by a supernatural presence unleashed during a college experiment. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

New Mission
Paramount has confirmed a report from DeadlineHollywood.com that Tom Cruise is attached to star in Mission Impossible IV. He will also produce the film, which is to open in 2011. EW.COM

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Sade still the ultimate in cool

Sade

Album: Soldier of Love
Label: Epic/Sony
Rating: ●●●

SADE'S SMOOTH OPERATOR personified "cool" in the mid-'80s. Twenty five years later, Sade still is still the ultimate in cool, despite the rather obvious military-style drumming on the title track, Soldier of Love. Indeed, it's amazing how little Sade's sound has changed in all that time. Long and lingering vocals stretched out over a snail's pace with an occasional flash of more-than competent musicianship. Lyrically, however, the uber confidence of Smooth Operator has been replaced by mid-life regrets, doubts and outright tears. But it all comes together — strings, horns and all — on the exquisitely paced track In Another Time.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Yeasayer

Album: Odd Blood
Label: Secretly Canadian
Rating: ●●●●½

DON'T BE FOOLED by the first track off Yeasayer's latest disc — the haunting, crunchy sounds and deep, crunk-like vocals is a trick. If you can get past that sludgy (though intriguing) tune, you'll discover a world of beautiful electro pop. Ambling Alp is a gorgeous, even inspirational tune ("stick up for yourself son," goes the chorus), while the others songs are thickly layered with electronic instrumentation, rich harmonies, some Graceland-like beats and a lot more. There's rarely a dull second on this fantastic, thought-provoking disc.

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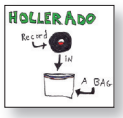
Hollerado

Album: Record in a Bag
Label: Royal Mountain Records
Rating: ●●●½



SOUNDGARDEN'S REUNITING, flannel's back in vogue and people are throwing '90s parties, so naturally a band that sounds like it came straight out of the 20th century's last decade is getting a lot of buzz. At least Toronto's Hollerado deserves much of the hype — their Weezer-meets-Strokes-in-a-bar-on-the-East-Coast vibe is extremely catchy. The tracks are all upbeat and fun — an excellent combo for a debut disc like this. They still have some work to do; Fake Drugs sounds too much like Rivers Cuomo, and other songs are lacking in parts, but these guys are on to something.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Soldier of Love is the first studio album from British-Nigerian singer Sade in a decade.

Massive Attack

Album: Heligoland
Label: Virgin/EMI
Rating: ●●●

TWO YEARS AGO Portishead reinvented themselves and left trip-hop behind them. After seven years since their last album, Massive Attack are trying to do the same. Heligoland finds co-founding member Daddy G re-joining mainstay 3-D, but unfortunately this reunion is more 100th Window than Blue Lines. The first half of Heligoland drags like a corpse, with lacklustre vocal turns and beats that expired in the '90s. But Heligoland is a bottom-heavy listen. Guests Guy Garvey and Hope Sandoval resuscitate the flow in the second half with their contributions, while Damon Albarn's Saturday Comes Slow is the kind of sparkling dirge that can realign Massive Attack with their one-time peers.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

Midlake

Album: The Courage of Others
Label: Bella Union
Rating: ●●½

MIDLAKE HASN'T MADE it a secret that the follow-up to their critically acclaimed Trials of Van Occupanther would be a pretty big departure for the band. And they were right. The Courage of Others is a slow, haunting record that takes a page out of '60s British folk. The Grizzly Bear-like sounds from their last disc aren't gone — they just appear in a different light. The album isn't as immediately inviting as Van Occupanther, but it does get less confusing and more accessible with each listen.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Album Reviews

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The Hot Rats

Album: Turn Ons
Label: Fat Possum
Rating: ●●●½

WHILE WAITING FOR their bassist Mickey to recover from a broken back, Danny and Gaz from Supergrass became a duo under the name The Hot Rats. Recorded with Radiohead producer Nigel Godrich, Turn Ons is an album of covers, which as the title suggests is 12 personal favourites spanning the last 40 years. Taking on everyone from Bowie to The Cure, Gaz and Danny apply their Supergrass template and come out with some fresh perspectives, like a space-rock spin on the Beastie Boys' Fight For Your Right. The result is a dozen rave-ups catered for both classic rock and Britpop enthusiasts alike.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

Cars 2 coming in 2011

In an investors conference call this week, Disney honcho Bob Iger revealed that the much-anticipated Pixar animated sequel Cars 2—which had been set for release on June 24, 2011, in the United States—would actually hit theaters in December 2011. EW.COM

R. Kelly saga both explicit and poetic

R. Kelly got the last laugh in 2005 when it came to his urban operetta Trapped In the Closet.

R. Kelly

What began as a five-part, 20 minute track about infidelity on his seventh studio album TP. 3 Reloaded, his first release after being charged with child pornography offences, evolved to a 12 and then 22-part epic — replete with videos — that won grudging critical acclaim.

No less than The New York Times Magazine included the Trapped saga in its annual list of the year's most noteworthy ideas. Notably, they also said his series was "completely bananas."

The Toronto Star concurred that the project was trite (a climactic line: "I'm saying that ho was me"), but novel.

It didn't spawn any imitators, but enabled the album to entered Billboard's album chart at No. 1 and sell nearly half a million copies in its first week, thrusting the Chicago native's music back in the spotlight, despite the criminal charges of which he was acquitted in 2008.

The drama captures Kelly at his trifling, explicit worst and poetic, melodic best. The twisted plot begins with Kelly's married character Sylvester cheating on his wife Gwedolyn and embroils a cast of more than a dozen connected characters, including displaced Southern belle Bridget, midget stripper Big Man and stuttering Pimp Luscious, who may or may not have spread an STD amongst themselves.

Last week, Kelly indicated that he had new episodes ready to go.

"Yall want more chapters of Trapped? Let me know!" he tweeted.

In the meantime, The Royal (608 College St.) will be showing all 22 episodes on the big screen this Saturday. 9:30 p.m. $10. Proceeds to benefit a local AIDS charity.

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Entertainment in brief

COURTS Oasis guitarist Noel Gallagher won't be attending the sentencing in Toronto next month for a man who attacked him onstage during a 2008 concert.Daniel Sullivan's sentencing for assault causing bodily harm was adjourned earlier this month because Gallagher had indicated he wanted to deliver a victim impact statement in person. But Crown attorney Ruth Kleinhenz-Neilson says Gallagher's schedule won't permit him to attend the March 23 sentencing. She says he has commitments throughout March culminating in a concert for the charity Teenage Cancer Trust in London.

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Heligoland is the new albumn from Massive Attack.

Massive Attack is back

JEROME VERMELIN
Metro World News

Seven years after the release of super-chilled 100th Window Massive Attack return with a decidedly warmer offering Heligoland. Metro met Robert Del Naja, alias 3D and Grant Daddy G. Marshall, brains of the band from Bristol, U.K.

Q Heligoland is warmer and more luminous than 100th Window. Is that due to Daddy G.'s return?

3D: As any family, we do have up and downs, but I must admit I wasn't happy releasing 100th Window without him.

DADDY G.: With 100th Window, you had to knock on the door to get in, but you never felt at home. Heligoland is more open. We worked in a communal way.

Q How do you work together – is it a slow process?

Read our review of Massive Attack's new album on page 43

DADDY G.: Honestly, if we spend too much time on a song, it's going to be rotten! Sometimes, you have to say 'that's it.' Unfortunately with Robert this moment never happens!

3D: G has a DJ's ear. He just knows when something sounds good, whereas I tend to experiment for hours.

Q Heligoland is the name of an archipelago. Is it about each song being an island but communicating with each other ?

DADDY G.: That's a good interpretation. I may use it in other interviews!

3D: I chose the title because it gives the impression that it's an anagram, some words rearranged in a random way on the cover. It's a kind of a puzzle.

Q What if Heligoland were a movie ?

3D: It would be a movie about a secret society who settled on a desert island. They would experiment so much that they have become a bloodthirsty cannibals!

Q Your first album was released during the first war in Iraq — has life got better or worse since then?

DADDY G.: Our capacity to survive to the capitalist structures which crush people amazes me. And I'm not even talking about the death of ideology and the fact that nobody trusts our politicians. Throw pandemics and climate refugees into the mix and you have to wonder how we'll manage to survive to the next 20 years.

Q And what will happen to music?

3D: Blues will always survive, man !

DADDY G.; This is the only thing that brings comfort, isn't it ?

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From Hannibal Lecter to Picasso?

Anthony Hopkins pursues new career as painter

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

Anthony Hopkins demonstrates his new creative pursuit at his home art studio.

Anthony Hopkins could rest on his laurels from decades of award-winning work as a stage and film actor.

Instead Hopkins — universally known as serial killer Hannibal Lecter in Silence of the Lambs, for which he won an Oscar — keeps challenging himself with new artistic pursuits. He's composed orchestral music and conducted it, too. And now he talks to Metro about establishing himself as a painter.

Q You credit your wife, Stella Arroyave, with encouraging you to start paining six years ago. Did you really have no inkling of talents as a painter before that?

A When I was little I used to draw, and had an idea that I wanted to become an artist, but I'm a poor student and didn't have the patience to sit in classes. But I kept doodling and when my wife found some doodles she said "you ought to do something with this." For our wedding she asked me to make 75 paintings as party favors for our guests. They seemed to like them, so I've kept going.

Q You're well-known for practicing your lines up to 200 times. How do you prepare when painting?

A I'm a complete anarchist. The only thing where I like order is in learning a line. It frees me up when I act because I know the lines so well. When I paint, I think of what the colours mean and how they look together. Then I just have a go. In a way, it's similar to learning my lines.

Q Before taking on the role as Hannibal Lecter, you had announced that you were done with Hollywood. You still live in Los Angeles, but are you planning to metaphorically leave Hollywood for a second career as a painter?

A No. I enjoy Hollywood and acting very much, but I don't seek friendships with actors, so I'm not part of Hollywood in that way. I paint for the pleasure of it. I'm not a very deep person who thinks about the meaning of art; I just love colors.

Q And you play the piano for pleasure, too?

A My piano technique is very primitive, but I practice every day, and I play some pretty complicated things, like Chopin's Scherzo. It keeps my brain fit. I play, paint and read all the time to keep my brain alive. My wife thinks I'm completely bonkers when I get up in the middle of the night to play the piano, but my brain doesn't let me rest.

Q For a Welshman who specializes in vaguely surrealistic paintings, is Los Angeles a good source of inspiration?

A I'm married to a Colombian woman, and she has brought so many colours into our house. And I often travel to Colombia and Mexico, which have so many vibrant colours and vivid art.

Q As a painter and musician, do you take instructions from anybody?

A I don't dislike learning; I'm just not a very good student. Once I conducted a symphony orchestra in one of my own works. I was scared out of my mind, and afterwards I told the musicians I should take composition classes. But they were very nice and told me that I should keep composing in my own style. I admire the famous Russian composers and German expressionist painters, but I don't pretend to know anything about them either.

Q You beat your alcohol addiction long ago, but are known to have a life-long love affair with bread. What's so great about this staple?

A My father was a baker, and I'll always remember the smell of fresh bread. Bread and sugar; what else can you ask for?

Anthony Hopkins

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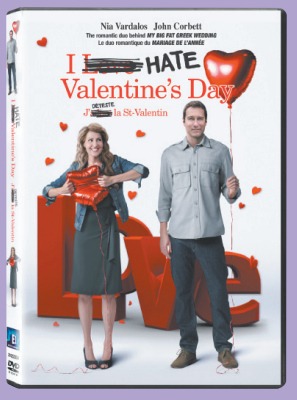

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Daniels bonding with nominees

Precious director doesn't feel competitive

The Oscar race may be heating up, but Lee Daniels says the nominees in his category aren't feeling the competitive edge.

Daniels, who is up for best director for helming Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire, says he's been texting and bonding with his fellow nominees since they made the cut last week.

"This has really been life-changing for me because I thought that it was a competition. All these years I thought it was a competition, but the media makes it a competition," Daniels said in a recent interview.

"We're all insecure. The bravado that we put on is a facade. We are artists at the end of the day and they're incredible human beings and we'll be friends for life. I have a newfound respect and friendship for all of them."

This is the first best-director Oscar nomination for Daniels, who produced the acclaimed 2002 drama Monster's Ball. The nod makes him just the second African-American filmmaker to be nominated in that category in the 81-year-history of the Academy Awards. The first was John Singleton, who was nominated in 1992 for Boys N the Hood.

Daniels is up against Canadians James Cameron for Avatar and Jason Reitman for Up in the Air, as well as Quentin Tarantino for Inglourious Basterds and Kathryn Bigelow for The Hurt Locker.

"Jason's texting me ... I love Kathryn (Bigelow), and I love Quentin (Tarantino) ... we've become very good friends," said Daniels, 50, who lives in New York.

"James Cameron is talking about putting us all together to help us in reading scripts as opposed to getting script notes from studio executives.

"There's a level of trust amongst the directors here."

Daniels said when he's been at a few panel discussions with Cameron lately, he's found himself acting like a crazed fan.

"When James Cameron's in the room and we're doing panels, I'll stop and stare at him as he's talking and they'll go, 'Mr. Daniels,' and I don't answer very quickly because I'm still in thought with him and it's very embarrassing. I didn't go to film school and I'm learning so much from these people."

The Oscars will be held March 7.

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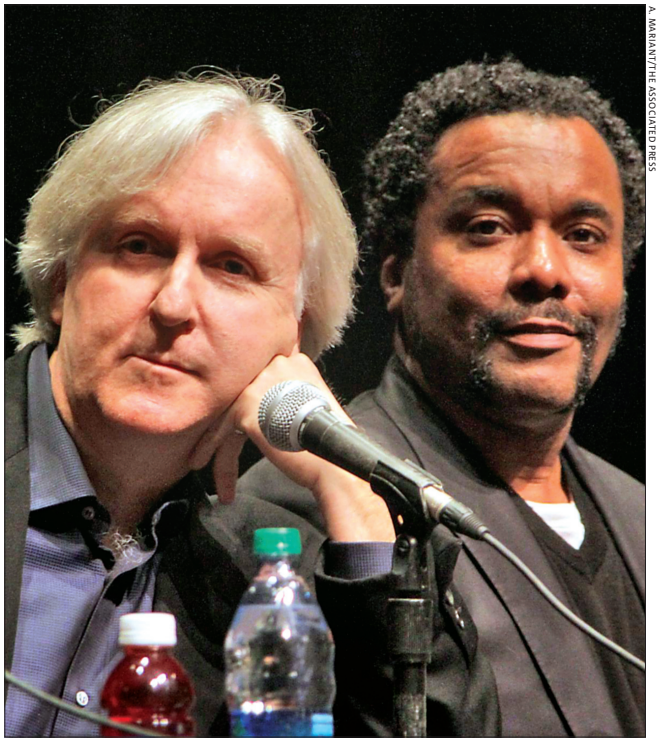

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Directors James Cameron, left, and Lee Daniels are seen during a director's panel Sunday at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival in Sunday.

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Precious director Lee Daniels

Hollywood Votes
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Despite the global success of films like Avatar, Twentieth Century Fox wants to make more local films.

Fox eyes China boom

Studio wants to invest in local movies

Even as Avatar conquers the world, a senior Twentieth Century Fox executive says the Hollywood studio is also realizing the importance of foreign-language productions as he promotes new local releases in China and India.

James Cameron's 3-D sci-fi epic recently replaced the director's previous feature film, Titanic, as the best-selling movie in the world of all time. Its latest global take is a staggering US$2.2 billion, according to box office tracking website Box Office Mojo.

But the head of Fox's international productions says the American studio is also keen to make movies in local languages because indigenous productions are gaining market share. In wealthy Japan, it's 65 per cent; in India, 90 per cent; in China, it's typically at least 50 per cent — although that's partly due to an annual quota of 20 foreign blockbusters.

"Our intention is to make films in many countries where there is such a big local market share like there is in China," Twentieth Century Fox International Productions President Sanford Panitch said late Tuesday.

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Twentieth Century Fox's Sanford Panitch

Panitch was attending the Hong Kong premiere of Fox's first Chinese-language production, Hot Summer Days.

Directed by Tony Chan and Wing Shya, the romance is a collection of six love stories featuring a host of ethnic Chinese stars including Jacky Cheung, Nicholas Tse, Daniel Wu and Rene Liu. "The growth in China has been absolutely amazing on so many levels . . . The growth of the local films and the sophistication of the local films just make it a great opportunity," Panitch said.

Panitch spent a few hours in Hong Kong before flying to Mumbai, where he was due to attend the premiere of Fox's latest Hindi-language release, My Name is Khan, which features Bollywood heartthrob Shah Rukh Khan.

Besides Hot Summer Days, the Fox executive said the company is developing a project with Hong Kong native John Woo and up-and-coming Chinese filmmakers. He declined to give details.

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Dodger mum on Rihanna rendevouz

When it comes to serious commitments, Dodgers player Matt Kemp has his eye on one thing – baseball. Despite his romantic trip to Mexico last month with Rihanna, the center fielder says he's focused on spring training and helping his team make it to the World Series. PEOPLE.COM

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Adam Beach to play aboriginal war hero

Tommy Price 'most highly decorated' First Nations soldier

Actor Adam Beach is preparing to go back to the trenches again, this time to portray Canadian aboriginal war hero Tommy Prince.

Manitoba-born Beach, who also starred in Clint Eastwood's wartime epic Flags of Our Fathers, will be in Winnipeg on today to make the formal announcement, alongside Prince's descendants and native leaders.

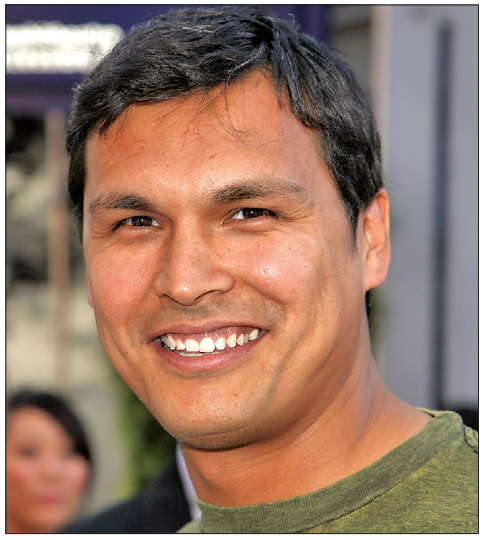
"I am so honoured to play this First Nation military hero. He provided a positive role model for all First Nation people, including me," Beach said in a statement.

Beach, who is originally from Dog Creek First Nation, appeared in Windtalkers with Nicholas Cage and Joe Dirt with David Spade, as well as numerous TV shows.

Vancouver-based Bay Film Studios says the full-length movie will be a "true account of Canada's most highly decorated First Nations soldier."

Prince was one of 11 children born on the Brokenhead Ojibwa reserve in Manitoba.

He enlisted in the military in 1940 at the age of 24 and eventually joined an elite battalion known to German soldiers as the Devil's Brigade.



Adam Beach has portrayed soldiers in several major Hollywood films, including Clint Eastwood's Flags of Our Fathers.

In 1944, Prince was spying on the Germans from an abandoned farmhouse near enemy lines when his communication wires were severed by shelling. He donned civilian clothing and went out in plain view of German soldiers, pretending to tie his shoelace while he repaired the line.

His intelligence led to the destruction of four German positions and earned him the Military Medal. He continued spying behind enemy lines, later earning the Silver Star, an American army decoration for gallantry in action.

Prince went on to serve two tours of duty in the Korean War before being honourably discharged.

Later in his life, he battled alcoholism and destitution, selling off his medals to support himself. He died in 1977.

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Entertainment in brief

HAITI Angelina Jolie met with Haitian earthquake survivors living in camps and visited a flattened school yesterday, the second day of a visit as a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations' refugee agency. The actress, representing the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, flew by helicopter to the southern city of Jacmel where she visited a camp for Haitians made homeless. Some 500,000 people have lost their homes, been displaced and are living in camps around the country since the Jan. 12 earthquake. She also visited a school destroyed by the quake.

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A surfer chick and a vampire

Kate Bosworth and True Blood hunk Alexander Skarsgard will be steaming up the big screen in the upcoming remake of the '70s thriller Straw Dogs, but she says they're simply close pals, despite rumours of being romantically linked for months. PEOPLE.COM

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Chinese New Year is on Sunday so check out what this year has in store for you

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2010 will bring luck. Capitalize on this by staying motivated, and planning and timing your actions carefully. You're lively and brave.

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Born in 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999
Your curiosity will lead you to explore spiritual or philosophical questions this year. Combine this tendency with your hard-working nature to give yourself advantages.

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Born in 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000
Patience will play a big role for you in 2010: If you attend to responsibilities at home and in the office, you won't find it hard to wait for the positive outcome.

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Born in 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001
To get the most out of the year ahead, stay level-headed and be receptive. It's time to take stock of what you want out of life and how to go about it.

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Born in 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002
This year you'll feel torn between seeking respect and following your instincts. Have faith in yourself; your sharpness and practicality will see you through.

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Born in 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003
You may have some struggles this year, but you can be optimistic because you'll develop your personal interests and nurture friendships which will be a source of much happiness.

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Born in 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004
You'll be full of energy and charisma for most of the year: Making decisions and taking action will bring notably positive changes in several aspects of your life.

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Born in 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005
This will be a year of competition, decisions and benefiting from them. Keep focused and enjoy your full social calendar.

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Born in 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006
This will be a spirited year as you embark on a quest for independence. You are essentially compassionate and attentive, so don't let yourself act too brashly!

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Born in 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007
2010 will bring you luck. After a passionate start to the year, and possibly a grand family celebration, you may have problems with your partner.

RAT
Born in 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008
Although you may suffer from occasional melancholy this year, you shouldn't complain: You'll become more confident, more intuitive and more creative.

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Ex-90210 star to appear on Criminal Minds

Former Beverly Hills, 90210 star Gabrielle Carteris will guest-star in an upcoming episode of Criminal Minds. Carteris, 49, will appear in this season's 17th episode, which finds the BAU tracking a highway serial killer. **TVGUIDE.COM**

MJ doc trial goes Hollywood

There's no bloody glove this time, no smoking gun, no faded music icon showing up in court wearing a wig that made it look like he plugged his finger into an electrical socket..

There's not even a celebrity for that matter — the person on trial is a doctor no one had heard of eight months ago.

Still, the case of the People vs. Michael Jackson's doctor has already taken on all the trappings of a full-blown Los Angeles celebrity trial, complete with a scrum of paparazzi and news photographers staking out the accused's residence and chasing him everywhere he goes.

The mere rumour that he would be arrested or surrender sent an army of news photographers from all over the world rushing to a courthouse.

So it seems certain that Conrad Murray will join the ranks of O.J. Simpson, Robert Blake and Phil Spector in the pantheon of Los Angeles celebrity defendants, even if he's an obscure Texas cardiologist in a case of medical negligence.

"There are no surprises here. We know how the guy died, we know who allegedly gave it to him. But lacking surprises, it's Michael Jackson. The news shows can play endless loops of Michael Jackson singing. Maybe his children will come into the courtroom, and what a day that would be," says Judy Muller, who shared in an Emmy for ABC's coverage of the ultimate celebrity trial, the one that ended with O.J. Simpson being acquitted of murder in 1995.

"I hate to be cynical but I've been here long enough to know how this will play," added Muller. "It's Michael Jackson and it's a celebrity trial, even if it's a dead celebrity, and particularly in Los Angeles it's what we're known for."

The case of the People vs. Michael Jackson's doctor has taken on the trappings of a full-blown Los Angeles celebrity trial, complete with paparazzi.

Not that a trial involving a dead celebrity, even one as revered as Jackson was, is completely unprecedented. In 1981 a Tennessee jury found Dr. George Nichopoulos not guilty of negligently prescribing drugs to Elvis Presley, whose body contained 14 different stimulants and depressants when he died in 1977.

But, relatively speaking, nobody paid much attention to that.

"That was another age, a much more innocent time," says Los Angeles media consultant Jonathan Taplin. "You didn't have a 24-7 media machine that feeds on celebrity, that feeds on raising up celebrities and then bringing them down."

It also occurred outside of Los Angeles, a media hotbed for sensational celebrity trial coverage since an August night in 1969 when a band of Charles Manson's social misfits broke into Sharon Tate's home and stabbed the actress and her friends to death.

Since then there have been the trials of actor Blake, acquitted of shooting his wife to death after taking her to dinner at his favourite Italian restaurant; of pioneering pop music producer Spector, convicted of fatally shooting actress Lana Clarkson after meeting her at a nightclub; and the grandaddy of them all, Simpson's acquittal of stabbing his ex-wife and her friend to death.

Even Jackson's own trial in nearby Santa Barbara County in 2005, during which he was acquitted of child-molestation charges, rates high on the celebrity scale, with fans marvelling as he danced atop his SUV outside the courthouse one day and showed up in his pyjamas on another.

Just how the Jackson doctor trial, in which Murray is charged with involuntary manslaughter, will stack up against those depends on some intangibles.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Céline Dion to restage Las Vegas show

SINGER Celine Dion is returning to Caesars Palace with a glitzy new stage show inspired by the romance of classic Hollywood movies.

The music diva says she'll return to The Colosseum in March 2011 for a three-year residency.

Dion says in a release that the show will feature a full orchestra and band with 31 musicians.

She also says it will offer a mix of timeless Hollywood classics, along with fan favourites.

Dion returns to the Vegas venue three years after a celebrated five-year run of sold-out shows there.

It was followed by a year-long worldwide tour in 2008-2009, in which she visited five continents and 25 countries. Dion's new Vegas show will premiere March 15, 2011.

"I'm coming back home to The Colosseum at Caesars Palace and I'm very excited about it," Dion said yesterday in a release.

"With the orchestra and the band we're going to be able to perform our songs like never before. The repertoire is going to be extraordinary ... a mix of timeless Hollywood classics, along with all the favorites that my fans like to hear me sing. It's going to be a very beautiful show, and I think we'll be raising the bar higher than we've ever done before. There'll be some truly wonderful moments ... I can't wait!"

Tickets for performances from March 15 through Aug. 14, 2011 go on sale Friday and range in price from $55 to $250, not including taxes and fees.

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Another baby?

- After four unsuccessful rounds of in vitro fertilization, Céline Dion is not giving up hope for a second child, she tells People magazine in an exclusive cover story. "I'm going to try until it works," says Dion, 41, who has been giving herself daily hormone shots — and enduring the roller-coaster ride of emotions they bring — after the heartbreaking loss of a pregnancy in August. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Canadian chanteuse Céline Dion is returning to Las Vegas for a new stage show.

Eclectic lineup for Bonnaroo

MUSIC Bonnaroo is known for its eclectic lineup. This summer's roster takes it to a new level.

Organizers announced Tuesday night a lineup that features the Dave Matthews Band, Kings of Leon, Stevie Wonder and Jay-Z at the head of a list that includes a little bit of everything.

The festival will be held June 10-13 on a 700-acre (280-hectare) farm in Manchester, Tennessee, about 60 miles (100 kilometres) south of Nashville.

Other top names in the genre-jumping lineup of 125 acts include Norah Jones, Weezer, Jack White's newest band The Dead Weather, and Nas with Damian Marley. The Flaming Lips will perform Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon.

The festival also has a strong country flavour this year, with the Grammy-winning Zac Brown Band, Kris Kristofferson, Jamey Johnson and Miranda Lambert.

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Like a rolling stone ... with a paintbrush
A London gallery has opened an art show billed as an exclusive exhibition of Bob Dylan's first paintings on canvas. The show features a collection of the musician's paintings based on sketches he made while on the road from 1989 to 1992. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Olympic upset for regular CTV programs

Canadians with PVRs might want to reprogram their box ahead of the Vancouver Olympics as some popular shows switch over to a different channel to make room for Games coverage.

Olympic broadcaster CTV says most of its regular lineup will move over to A channel, except in the Atlantic region, for two weeks during the Games.

Affected prime-time shows include Grey's Anatomy, American Idol, Lost, Desperate Housewives, Two and a Half Men, The Big Bang Theory, The Mentalist, Ghost Whisperer, CSI and Human Target.

Daytime programs affected include Live With Regis and Kelly, The View, The Bold and the Beautiful, Dr. Phil, Dr. Oz and The Oprah Winfrey Show.

And in the late night, tune into A for The Colbert Report and The Daily Show With Jon Stewart.

The A channel in the Atlantic region is airing the Games instead of these shows to provide coverage to viewers in Newfoundland, where cable companies don't carry CTV and the network doesn't have a transmitter. A is owned by CTV and serves Atlantic Canada, Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta through the Access channel. CTV and A channel will return to their regular schedules after the Games end, on March 1.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

In brief

BLOCKBUSTERS The new Spider-Man plans to swing closer to movie theatre audiences. The next Spidey movie will be filmed in 3-D and is scheduled for release July 3, 2012, Sony Pictures announced yesterday. The fourth instalment is being directed by (500) Days of Summer filmmaker Marc Webb following the departure of director Sam Raimi. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Oscar winner diagnosed with cancer

Oscar-winning actor Louis Gossett Jr. has been diagnosed with prostate cancer, the actor announced on Tuesday. The 72-year-old won an Oscar in 1982 for his role in An Officer and a Gentleman. TVGUIDE.COM

Percy Jackson is a kid with an epic secret

It's a tough task launching a CGI-packed adventure only weeks after animation spectacular Avatar becomes the biggest grossing movie ever.

Even if the director is Harry Potter heavy weight Chris Columbus.

But Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, has a secret weapon: Logan Lerman, a blue-eyed 18-year old ready to set teenage girls' hearts aflutter worldwide.

"I'm really proud of this movie, and I'm ready to be recognized," a relaxed Logan Lerman tells Metro at London's fashionable Gloucester Palace hotel.

Alongside him on the podium are assorted members of the star studded crew, including Pierce Brosnan, Steve Coogan and Kevin McKidd.

Despite his youth, Lerman has already starred with Mel Gibson twice (The Patriot and What Women Want). And Chris Columbus found what he was looking for in his leading young man in the western 3:10 to Yuma.

Columbus sees a future box-office superstar in Lerman and calls him a 40-year-old person in a 17-year-old body.

"I started very young," Lerman says. "I'm from Los Angeles and there's always an audition for some commercial just around the corner."

"Lerman plays a troubled high school student who stumbles across an astonishing secret: He's the son of Greek god of the oceans, Poseidon."

PHOTO: PROVIDED

Logan Lerman plays the son of a Greek god in Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief.

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief opens Friday

In Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, Lerman plays a troubled high school student who stumbles across an astonishing secret: He's the son of Greek god of the oceans, Poseidon (Kevin McKidd).

And it gets worse. He is suspected of stealing bad tempered Zeus' lightning bolt and is hunted by monsters and gods alike who want to prevent the outbreak of war.

Percy sets out on a quest to prove his innocence and rescue his mother who has been kidnapped by (Steve Coogan). The movie is based on Rick Riordan's best sellers that mixes Greek mythology with 21st century U.S.A. (The portal to Olympus is on the Empire State Building and the way to hell goes via Hollywood).

Percy quickly learns sword-fighting and how to control his power over water, both inherited from his absent father.

He is brought to Camp Half-blood where other children of "Gods who have fallen in love with humans" are taught how to survive as demigods.

It looks a lot like summer camp, but with lethal ancient weapons.

Percy does some intense sword-fighting with budding love interest Annabeth (Alexandra Daddario), who is the daughter of Athena and no push-over.

"We only really had one fight and we didn't want to hurt each other.

"It was kind of stiff so to make it look better I let her hit me, and it looked great," Lerman recalls.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Ellen hits the right note

TV Fans took to the Internet to express their pleasant surprise over the 52-year-old funnylady's debut as the singing competition's fourth judge.

Ellen DeGeneres assumed her judging panel post for Tuesday's episode chronicling the first round of Hollywood Week, the cutthroat post-audition phase in which 181 contestants will be narrowed down to 24 semifinalists.

The majority of folks posting about DeGeneres on Twitter praised her performance. Some said they were only tuning in for DeGeneres, but not everyone was a devotee. A denim ensemble worn by Degeneres, also host of The Ellen Degeneres Show, was mocked by a few Tweeters.

When Fox announced that DeGeneres, an Emmy winner with no formal music experience, would be the new judge last September, fans were divided over the unlikely replacement for Paula Abdul, the sugary sweet pop singer who judged Idol since it debuted in 2002 then left amid contract negotiations after the eighth season ended last year.

GETTY IMAGES

Ellen DeGeneres

"So this is it, huh? I come on, you leave."

Ellen DeGeneres to fellow judge Simon Cowell

"Ellen completely met my expectations," said Dave Della Terza, founder of VoteForTheWorst.com, which encourages viewers to champion bad — but entertaining — singers.

"She was trying way too hard. Her critiques weren't funny because no one wants to see a standup act at the judges' table."

But Andy Dehnart, editor of the popular reality TV blog www.realityblurred.com and a lecturer at Stetson University, said DeGeneres seemed "more polished and on-point than the people who've been sitting at that table for eight years." DeGeneres is on the judging panel alongside Simon Cowell, Randy Jackson and Kara DioGuardi.

"Ellen DeGeneres keeps surprising us," he said. "She excels as a talk show host, and if she keeps up what she did tonight, she'll easily establish herself as the best judge."

DeGeneres' addition comes at a time of change for the aging Fox franchise, which is produced by 19 Entertainment and FremantleMedia North America. Cowell is leaving at the end of the current season to judge and executive produce an American version of The X Factor, a talent show he created in Britain. DeGeneres didn't let Cowell off for the move.

"So this is it, huh?" she whispered to him after joining the panel. "I come on, you leave."

Several names have been bandied about as potential Cowell replacements but Fox and the show's producers have not announced a replacement for the acerbic British judge.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Family matters

TV For a good cause, NBC stars, including Amy Poehler and Peter Krause and anchorman Brian Williams, are weighing in on what parenthood means to them.

The network has joined with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America in a campaign intended to promote discussion about parenthood and raise funds for the group's Family Strengthening Initiative.

Amy Poehler

For each person who finishes the sentence "Parenthood is... " for submission at The Parenthood Project website, NBC will contribute $20 US to the initiative. The network, which launched the site Tuesday, said it's committed to donating $100,000.

Poehler, who stars in the NBC comedy Parks&Recreation, concluded that parenthood is "something funny happening every day," while Williams called it "as rewarding as anything in life."

NBC isn't being entirely altruistic: The network has an upcoming series, Parenthood and is weaving promotion of the show in with the campaign.

The hour-long drama, based on the 1989 movie of the same name, debuts 9 p.m. EST on March 1. Its ensemble cast includes Krause, Lauren Graham, Craig T. Nelson and Bonnie Bedalia.

NBC is passionate about the series and wants to generate interest in it, but also saw a chance to "achieve our goals and do some good along the way" by teaming with Boys&Girls Clubs, said Adam Stotsky, president of NBC Entertainment Marketing.

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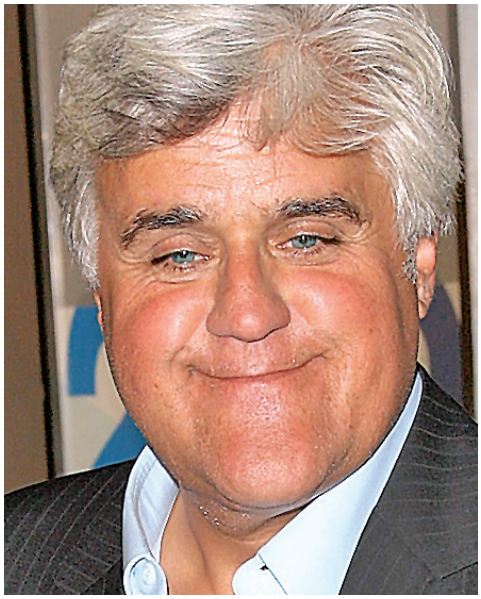
Campbell keeps walking catwalk

Naomi Campbell has no intention of giving up modelling. The 39-year-old beauty — who was one of the '90s supermodels — wants to continue with her life on the catwalk because she still gets a thrill out of doing it. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



The Jay Leno Show is over, but the talk show host will return to The Tonight show next month.

Final show sees Trump 'fire' Leno

Jay Leno ushered out one of television's biggest flops without sentiment on Tuesday, the final night of a prime-time experiment doomed by bad ratings and bad vibes.

Leno told a few barbed jokes about The Jay Leno Show, and Donald Trump told him "you're fired." Leno will return to his old perch at the Tonight show after the Olympics.

Desperate to keep both Leno and Conan O'Brien, NBC gave Leno a show five nights a week at 10 p.m. EST and made O'Brien the Tonight show host. The Jay Leno Show was one of the boldest scheduling moves in years, but the size of Leno's audience — while fine for late night — couldn't cut it in prime time.

Late news shows following Leno on NBC affiliates dropped sharply in the ratings. With some affiliates threatening to yank Leno, NBC proposed cutting his show to a half-hour at 11:35 p.m. and moving O'Brien back a half-hour. O'Brien refused and took a buyout from NBC.

"It seems like just yesterday I was telling NBC this was not going to work," Leno said in his final monologue, and it wasn't clear he was joking.

"This show was supposed to be on for two years," Leno said, "but we got five months for good behaviour."

> **"This show was supposed to be on for two years, but we got five months for good behaviour."**
> Jay Leno

Leno said he should have known it wasn't going to last, and he showed a film of him pulling his car into a parking space that said, Jay Leno, No Parking After Feb. 9.

Actor Ashton Kutcher was a guest, and recently retired pro football quarterback Kurt Warner was brought on to throw a few passes to him. Actress Gabourey Sidibe came on to talk about her best actress nomination for the Academy Awards.

Leno didn't talk about the Tonight show move. The studio set, if it's kept, will require some changes: the number 10 is now inlaid onto the stage where Leno stands to deliver his monologue.

When the show ended, there wasn't any time to say goodbye. A question-and-answer session with NBC Sports anchor Bob Costas appeared to run long, and Leno barely had time to urge his viewers to stay tuned for the late local news. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rice readies new video book

Anne Rice is giving the video book a try.

The author of Interview With a Vampire, The Vampire Lestat and many other favourites has agreed to terms with the video book company Vook on a multimedia edition of The Master of Rampling Gate, a vampire story published in Redbook magazine in 1984 and set in an England mansion in the 19th century.

"Vook represents a very exciting combination of new technological elements, that I think is long overdo in publishing," Rice said in a statement released Wednesday by Vook. "I'm excited that The Master of Rampling Gate is going to have new life in this form, and cannot wait to see the finished product. I'm not sure that my mind can conceive of all the possibilities of this new form. I'm learning. And it feels good."

Opinions are still mixed among publishers and authors about video books, or vooks, with some calling them a gimmick and others saying new formats are needed for the Internet age. The product integrates text, video and social networking.

Vook founder Bradley Inman says The Sherlock Holmes Experience, based on two stories by Conan Doyle, has been downloaded thousands of times. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In brief

DEATH Phil Harris, the fishing boat captain whose adventures off the Alaska coast were captured on the cable television show Deadliest Catch, has died, the Discovery Channel said. He was 53. Harris suffered what his family described as a massive stroke on Jan. 29 while the fishing vessel he captained, Cornelia Marie, was in port at St. Paul Island, Alaska. The fisherman was flown to Anchorage for surgery. The reality show depicts the crab fishing industry in the dangerous waters off Alaska. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Good looks lost on Del Toro

Benicio Del Toro can't understand why people find him attractive. The 42-year-old actor is always bemused when he finds himself mentioned in Sexiest Actor polls, but is pleased with the attention. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Men With Brooms headed for CBC TV

A sitcom based on the Paul Gross curling movie Men With Brooms has been picked up by CBC-TV.

The broadcaster says the ensemble comedy will be part of a slate of new series it plans to announce in the spring. The show is about a group of four guys who hang out in the same small-town curling club that was featured in the 2002 movie.

But the story takes place several years after the original tale and features all new characters and cast members.

Executive producer Paul Mather says Gross makes a guest appearance in the first episode as curling star Chris Cutter. No air date has been set.

Mather, who wrote the pilot and serves as showrunner, says the cast consists mainly of young, unknown actors from Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver.

"It's a really fast-paced thing and I think it's actually pretty modern and funny," says Mather, whose writing credits include CTV's Corner Gas and CBC's Little Mosque on the Prairie.

"I'm quite happy with how it turned out, but it's definitely something that everybody can watch."

Mather is also the executive producer behind CTV's upcoming sitcom Dan for Mayor, which debuts March 1. The 13-episode series is about a hapless bartender played by Corner Gas alum Fred Ewanuick and his run for mayor of a small Ontario town.

Mather says he may have to do some juggling if Dan for Mayor gets picked up for a second season while he's working on Men With Brooms. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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American Chopper is riding off into the sunset
The popular TLC series based on the feuding Teutul family and their custom-built motorcycle business is going off the air after six seasons. The Learning Channel said Wednesday that the final episode will air Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What's the Buzz all about?

Google unveiled a new social product on tuesday called Buzz.

It's a mix of Twitter, Facebook and location-based updating like Gowalla. Buzz is integrated into Google's webmail Gmail as well as into other Google products like Maps.

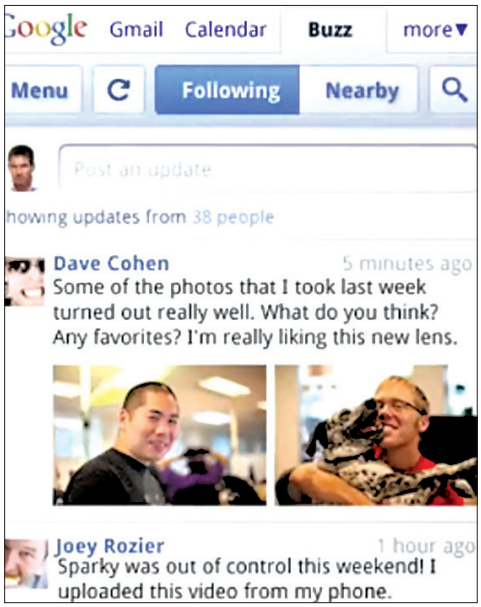
Buzz promises an integrated experience as users may post almost anything to their friends, or the whole world, within the timeline of Buzz. You can add photos or videos from many sources or just "buzz" your location on a map from your mobile phone.

"It is an awesome idea," says web analyst Tim O'Reilly from O'Reilly Radar.

"Buzz adds the power of 'asymmetric following' to e-mail. So brilliantly that it will soon no doubt be emulated by every other cloud-based email system."

It's actually with the mobile interface Buzz gets really exciting. Users of Buzz can see what people they know are doing in the vicinity, as the phone knows where Buzz users are.

Messages from these users pop-up and in a near future it should be possible to find all sorts of information or people's personal views on locations in the neighbourhood you're currently in.



Google's Buzz looks a lot like Facebook, with comments, likes, dislikes and recommend content

Buzz populates your list of friends automatically based on your current Google contact list, and you'll see updates from people you communicate with most often.

It's got a full-size photo viewer and can integrate photos from Flickr or Picasa streams — and RSS items from Google Reader. It looks a lot like Facebook, with comments, likes, dislikes and recommended content. METRO WORLD NEWS

Wave goodbye

• Wave — last year's most hyped product from Google — has so far not lived up to the hype and nowadays almost nobody is talking about Wave. What may have caused it's "failure" is the fact that the service is not connected to other communication services. It's not even possible to send an e-mail to Wave. Still, Wave has found users and uses within certain applications and companies, and it looks a lot like Buzz is built from Wave technology. METRO WORLD NEWS

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Battling it out for online movie supremacy

INTERNET The online movie rental arena is getting crowded. Netflix, Amazon and iTunes all rent movies to millions of customers monthly and recently YouTube has been trying to get in on the action. With mixed results according to some. YouTube started a trial in January, offering only five independent films from Sundance Film Festival. These films gathered only 2684 views in total, netting $10,709.16.

"It definitely exceeded our expectations given all the barriers," says Chris Dale, a YouTube spokesman.

Netflix claims six millions of its customers stream video rentals online and sources say Amazon is considering buying Netflix as a countermove to Apple's iPad, which will compete head on with Amazon's Kindle.

Amazon recently aquired Touchco, a small company specializing in multi-touch technology for colour screens. Some analysts believe Amazon's next Kindle will be more like an iPad, and will compete with movie rentals just like Apple's iTunes on the iPad. METRO WORLD NEWS

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	210	302	6	CBC	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Nature of Things (N)		Google World (HDTV) (N)		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7	CITY	Law & Order: Special Victims		Community (N)	Parks/Recreat	30 Rock	30 Rock	Dark Blue		News
	212	313	8	CTV	The Vampire Diaries (N)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigat'n		Grey's Anatomy (N)		The Mentalist (HDTV) (N)		CTV News
	218	345	11	CHCH	*Rush Hour 2* ★★ (2001, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker.				*Blazing Saddles* ★★★ (1974, Comedy) Cleavon Little.				News at 11 (N)
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	620	523	40	BVO	A Taste of Shakespeare		Innovators	Writers	*Intern Academy* ★ (2004, Comedy) Peter Oldring. (DVS)				Law & Order
	601	562	41	SLC	Rich Bride Poor Bride		X-Weighted		Bootcamp	Last 10	Re-Vamped		ET Canada
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	600	564	46	H&G	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Holmes Inspection		House-Bryan	Real Renos (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	Holmes
	294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	House-Payne	House-Payne	Law & Order: Special Victims		*American Pie Presents: Band Camp*		
	576	582	49	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		Michael Vick	Michael Vick	*Boyz N the Hood* ★★★ (1991, Drama) Larry Fishburne.				Mo'Nique
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	261	394	60	V	Murder, She Wrote		On the Buses	Watchtower	*French Kiss* ★★ (1995, Romance-Comedy) Meg Ryan, Kevin Kline.				
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	553	546	65	TRE	Backyardigans	Night Garden	Waybuloo	Franklin	Little Bear	Maggie-Beast	Babar	Zigby	Max & Ruby
	526	507	249	VIVA	Cold Case "Baby Blues"		Missing "Sea of Love"		The Closer		Cold Case "Baby Blues"		Psychic Inv.
	300	601	301	M1	*Big Stan* (HDTV) Rob Schneider, Jennifer Morrison.				*Lymelife* ★★★ (2008, Drama)			Bloodletting	Cures
	305	612	306	PIX	*The Sentinel*	*Calamity Jane and Sam Bass* ★★ (1949)			*Witness* ★★★ (1985, Crime Drama) Harrison Ford.				*Major Crime*
	520	146	-	DISC	Daily Planet (N)		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		Daily Planet
	637	-	-	TVLND	Red Green	Red Green	Fantasy Island		Hart to Hart		Andy Griffith	Phil Silvers	Bizarre
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Innovators in Music
"Sonic Middle-Aged Dudes" just doesn't have much of a ring to it. The closing episode of this series gets up close and personal with the "noise rock" band Sonic Youth, formed in 1981 during the waning years of the punk movement and still noisy after all these years. Interviews with members of the group are interspersed with performance footage from the '80s and from a tour stop last year in Kansas City, Mo. 8 PM on BVO

French Kiss
It's a romantic comedy. With Meg Ryan. What more do you need to know? She's a desperate young woman who overcomes her fear of flying to search for her fiance (Timothy Hutton) after he calls her from Paris to break their engagement. On the plane, she meets a French jewel thief (Kevin Kline) who uses her luggage to smuggle a diamond bracelet. You'll have the ending figured out about 15 minutes in, so unless you can't get enough of Meg doing her cute thing, save yourself a couple of hours. 9 PM on V

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Dining out

ADVANCE NOTICE You want to be in the know, part of the scene? Well, here's your chance. A new modern Korean-Japanese restaurant is having its grand opening Valentine's Day. Under the watchful eye of Chef/Owner Shin Aoyama, KOKO! Share Bar (81 Yorkville Ave.) will feature items such as Korean barbecued meats, and Japanese and Korean wraps. Call 416-850-6135

BUT OF COURSE It's a controversial subject for some, but others love to have horse when it's on the menu. French restaurants La Palette in Kensington (256 Augusta Ave.) and Batifole in Chinatown (744 Gerrard St. E.) offer it. The question is do you prefer it rare or cooked? Look for restaurants with game on the menu to also sometimes put it on. METRO TORONTO

In brief

STAY WARM There is a new place to get fresh, local food – and thankfully, it's indoors. The Regional 'n' Artisanal Food Market is located in Barbara Frum Atrium at the CBC (250 Front St. W.). Various vendors will be selling their products here monthly until April, on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Next one is Thursday, Feb. 25)

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And — surprise! — he looks like a baby
Supermodel Gisele Bundchen, 29, shows off the first photo of her baby boy, Benjamin, in Brazilian mag Quem. The two-month-old is all bundled up in a blue jacket and matching hat while dozing off in Bundchen's arms, femalefirst.co.uk reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Paris is for lovers ... of Johnny's style

ONE THING UPON WHICH THE FRENCH AND THE REST OF THE WORLD AGREE From the long, stringy hair and goatee to the layers of offbeat accessories and everything in between, nobody can quite pull off a look like Johnny Depp — especially as far as his longtime girlfriend Vanessa Paradis is concerned, people.com reports.

"I love his style, yeah, yeah, yeah!" Paradis told People magazine. "I love him, and I don't have to say I like this and I don't like that. When you love somebody, you take them as they are. I would not change him."

Besides Depp's eclectic style, the French singer and actress, 37, is attracted to all the qualities of her beau (since 1998). "I like him very much in all terms and every sense of the way," she said. "He makes me happy. We are many things — we are together and, in a way, one person."

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Channing shows Ellen how to strip

AND FROM NOW ON ALL HER GUESTS MUST DO THE SAME (EXCEPT RUSH LIMBAUGH) American Idol judge Ellen DeGeneres seemed rhapsodic at having her talk-show guest Channing Tatum demonstrate some of the moves he made in his former job as a male dancer on her show yesterday, people.com reports.

"What kind of dancer were you, Channing?" DeGeneres asked Tatum, 29. "I was a stripper," replied the Dear John star, prompting loud applause from the in-studio audience. And so, Tatum demonstrated what men strippers do — though, not a thread was removed. Still, said Tatum, "Now I'm embarrassed."

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SAMANTHA RONSON doesn't like people saying she abused Lindsay Lohan, **JOHN MAYER** is feeling romantic, **EDDIE IZZARD** refuses to age, and **KIRSTIE ALLEY** is susceptible to advertising.

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@johncmayer What's that song that goes "It's a quarter after one, I just huffed a can of ceiling paint and I need you now?" I like that one.

@eddieizzard Apparently it's my birthday. I'm twenty two (as usual). Thanks for all your messges

@kirstiealley oh my god, all these infomercials are causing me mass confusion ... then I want them all

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Sheen 'committed' to making marriage work

HOW MANY SYNONYMS ARE THERE FOR THE WORD 'RUUUUUUN'? Now that the court drama stemming from their Christmas morning fight is over, Charlie Sheen and Brooke Mueller are reportedly hoping to fix the problems in their marriage. "Charlie and Brooke already are going through intense marriage counseling and Charlie has been very religious about attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and serious anger management counseling," a source tells the Chicago Sun-Times.

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Is Hilton secretly engaged?

THE LIZ TAYLOR OF FIANCEES Paris Hilton may already be engaged to Doug Reinhardt and just waiting to announce it, and if so she may have just tipped her hand.

The heiress was accepting an award for her charity work at a benefit in Los Angeles when she said, "I'd like to thank my future sister-in-law Casey Reinhardt," according to E! News.

Hilton, who has been dating Reinhardt for a year, has hinted that a wedding may be in the works, saying last month, "I wouldn't rule out a wedding in 2010. With how amazing everything is going between us, I see a very bright and happy future."

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Anne's self-reflection

OH, NO ANNE, YOU'RE *SOOO* PRETTY It turns out Anne Hathaway's toughest critic is herself. The Valentine's Day and Alice in Wonderland star laments her looks in the latest issue of In Style magazine. "I think I've got really weird features. I have very large features on a very small head. But, you know, I'm not going to beat myself up," she says. "I look like myself, and I think at the end of the day, as nice as pretty is, authenticity is more important." METRO WORLD NEWS

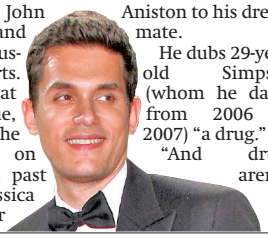
Mayer dishes on sex with Jessica

STAY CLASSY, MAYER John Mayer is kissing and telling — again, usmagazine.com reports. In its exclusive peek at Playboy's March issue, the website reports the singer, 32, dishes on everything from his past relationships with Jessica Simpson and Jennifer Aniston to his dream mate.

He dubs 29-year-old Simpson (whom he dated from 2006 to 2007) "a drug."

"And drugs aren't good for you if you do lots of them," he says, adding, "Yeah, that girl is like crack cocaine to me.

"Sexually it was crazy. That's all I'll say," he continues.



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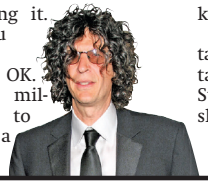
Stern contemplates Idol takeover

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: MORE BOOBS, LESS SINGING Howard Stern insists producers have not actually made him an offer to take over for Simon Cowell on American Idol, but that doesn't mean he isn't considering it.

"You know what? OK. $100 million to judge a karaoke contest?

"OK. Why not? Oprah takes every offer on the table, why shouldn't I?" Stern said on his radio show.



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Madonna ditches boytoy, eyes more recent model

HE WAS GETTING TOO OLD FOR HER Madonna is allegedly livid that Jesus Luz is going around telling people that he was the one who did the dumping in the breakdown of their relationship.

"She's furious and feels humiliated," a source tells the Daily Mail. "She feels he has her to thank for his modeling success and is calling all her designer friends, telling them not to use him."

But Madonna appears to have found just the thing to get over the 23-year-old Brazilian model. She's reportedly been getting cozy with 24-year-old Spanish model Jon Kortajarena after meeting him late last year.

"She has made some enquiries about him and has found out a bit more about some of his future modeling gigs in a bid to use her influence to his advantage," the source says.

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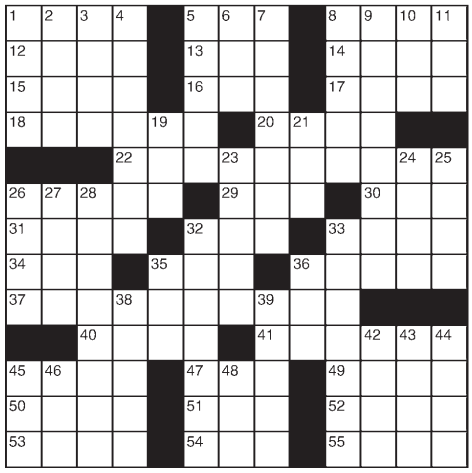

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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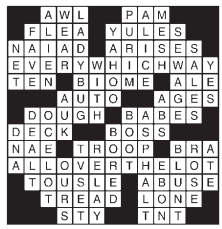
ACROSS

1 Fungus product
5 Enthusiast
8 Small combo
12 Duel tool
13 Blond shade
14 Maintained
15 Approach
16 Crossword clue abbr.
17 Regulation
18 Green
20 Ids' counterparts
22 Beach pastime
26 Normand or Mercer
29 Sweet potato
30 Greet the villain
31 Hawkish Olympian
32 Energy
33 Spill the beans
34 Roulette bet
35 Garfield's owner
36 Kid napped?
37 SoCal teen of the 1980s
40 Tittle
41 Inconsequential person
45 Decline
47 31-Across, e.g.
49 Curved molding
50 With 46-Down, well in the past
51 Lamb's mommy
52 Caspian Sea feeder
53 Dresses in
54 Harrison or Reed
55 Vend
1 Options list

DOWN

2 Admitting clients
3 Mad king of literature
4 Develops (from)
5 Bellybutton
6 — Today
7 Early hour
8 Pulsate
9 Having a second life?
10 Under the weather
11 Worshipper's writing
19 Vote seeker
21 Workout venue
23 Fibbing
24 Burden
25 Earring site
26 Sportscaster Albert
27 Vicinity
28 Sheets
32 It was launched in 1977
33 Round, as a nose
35 Lustrous black
36 "No seats" abbr.
38 Wind-blown soil
39 Alphabetized list
42 Fairy tale villain
43 Option from Howie Mandel
44 Scream
45 Bankroll
46 See 50-Across
48 Have bills

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Metro Recipe of the Day

MANON TREMBLEY

Healthy Home-Cooked Chili

Submitted by Stacey Graham, Vancouver, B.C.

INGREDIENTS:

1 tbsp olive oil
2 clove garlic, minced
1 small onion, diced
1 tbsp fresh thyme and rosemary (optional)
1 pound lean ground beef
1 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 cup tomato paste
1 can tomatoes, chopped, drained
1 can red beans
1 can corn
1/3 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
1/2 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
1 ripe avocado, sliced
1 cup nacho chips

METHOD:

1. In a frying pan add olive oil, onion, garlic, thyme, and rosemary. Add beef and cook until browned.
2. Meanwhile, put corn and tomatoes into a large pot and cook over medium heat. Add tomato paste, beans, cilantro and chili powder. Stir in beef mixture.
3. Cook until heated and flavours mix together.
4. Garnish with cheddar cheese and avocado pieces sprinkled on top. Serve with a side of nacho chips.

SERVES 6
PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 30 MINUTES

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Whether it is you keeping secrets from others or others keeping secrets from you there will certainly be plenty of deception going on.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You know what you want and you know how to get it but it might still be wise to get as many people on your side as you possibly can.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
It will pay you to be a little less intense today, especially when dealing with employers and people in positions of power.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You should not find it too hard today to forgive someone who says something less than flattering about you.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You have been revealing too much about yourself to colleagues and strangers of late and it is time to be a bit more mysterious.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Get on top of your workload today and, more importantly, stay on top of it for the rest of the week.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Everyone has doubts about what they have done and what they should have done but did not.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Venus, planet of love, moves into one of the best areas of your chart today, making it easy for you to get things done.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Even the little things you do today will have far-reaching effects, especially on the home front.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Communications are likely to be disrupted in some way today but there is no need to panic because it is only a minor blip in what is otherwise an excellent outlook.

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JAN 21-FEB 18
Have the courage to follow a course of action that not everyone in your social circle is likely to approve of.

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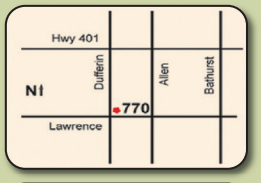

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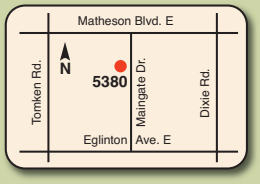

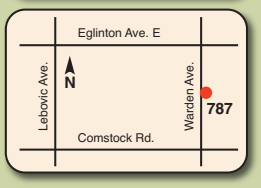

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